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ACTIVIST GAUTAM NAVLAKHA GETS BAIL IN ELGAR PARISHAD CASE

The Supreme Court on Tuesday lifted the stay on the bail granted by the Bombay High Court in December 2023, in view of the lengthy trial

FOUR YEARS ON, CHARGES YET TO BE FRAMED

The HC had stayed the bail for three weeks to allow the NIA to appeal. The SC bench of justices M M Sundresh and S V N Bhatti refused to extend the stay. "The appellant has been in incarceration for more than four years and charges are yet to be framed. The trial would take years and years and years for completion. Thus, we are not inclined to extend the stay," it said

IN HOUSE ARREST SINCE NOVEMBER 2023

■ Navlakha, who was arrested in August 2018, has been placed under house arrest since November 2023. He is currently residing in Navi Mumbai
■ The case relates to alleged inflammatory speeches made at the Elgar Parishad conclave in Pune on December 31, 2017, which police claim triggered violence the next day near the Koregaon-Bhima war memorial | P9

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AMOUNT TO BE PAID BY NAVLAKHA TOWARDS
SECURITY DURING HIS HOUSE ARREST

Day after, AAP admits assault on Maliwal

ANUP VERMA @ New Delhi

A day after Aam Aadmi Party leader Swati Maliwal accused Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's private secretary Bibhav Kumar of misbehaving with her, the party sought to limit the damage by admitting the crime, adding stern action would be taken against the accused.

Swati Maliwal is AAP's Rajya Sabha member and former head of the Delhi Commission for Women. She was assaulted at the chief minister's residence on Monday.

Maliwal alerted the police but did not file a formal complaint.

The party took more than 30 hours to react to the controversy that came bang in the middle of the general elections.

"Yesterday (Monday) morning, Maliwal went to Arvind Kejriwal's residence to meet him. While she was waiting in the drawing room, Bibhav Kumar came there and misbehaved with

Swati Maliwal. She had reported the incident to the police by calling on the number 112. We deeply condemn this incident. Kejriwal has taken cognisance of the incident and called for strict action," said party leader Sanjay Singh.

Maliwal, Singh said, is one of the oldest and senior-most AAP leaders. "We are all standing with her. The chief minister has taken this issue seriously and strict action will follow. I want to make it

clear that the AAP does not support such people," he added.

As per the police log, a PCR call from Maliwal came in at 9.34 am on Monday, alleging that she had been assaulted by one of the chief minister's staff. "As per information, the lady is saying that she is at the CM's house and has been assaulted by CM's PA Bibhav Kumar," a note on the PCR call read.

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva lit into the AAP's silence on the incident on Monday, saying it reflected the mentality of the party.

Maliwal had gone to meet Kejriwal at his residence. While she was waiting to meet him in the drawing room, Bibhav Kumar misbehaved with her. This is highly condemnable — Sanjay Singh

Ex-Indian Army officer with UN killed in Gaza

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

COLONEL Waibhav Anil Kale, a former Indian Army officer who had joined a UN agency in Gaza barely two months ago, was killed when the vehicle he was travelling in came under attack in war-torn Rafah in Gaza, becoming the first 'international casualty' for the world body since the Israel-Hamas conflict started.

Kale, 46, is survived by his wife and two teenage children. After taking premature retirement from the Indian Army in 2022, he joined the UN as a security coordination officer in the United Nations Department of Safety and Security (DSS) recently. His family is settled in Pune.

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Caste looms over temple in Ayodhya

NAMITA BAIJPAI @ Lucknow

UTTAR Pradesh's Faizabad constituency, comprising Ayodhya, could be easily mistaken for the nerve centre of temple politics but if past Lok Sabha elections are anything to go by, the poll outcome in this temple town has mostly been tied to the caste factor. And the 2024 LS poll is no different. Sitting BJP MP Lallu Singh, also a five-time MLA from Ayodhya, is pitted against the Samajwadi Party's Awadhesh Prasad, a nine-time MLA and a former minister in the

SHOWTIME FOR
GLADIATORS

Akhilesh cabinet.

Lallu Singh, who is a contractor by profession, is seeking a third term riding on the back of the general goodwill for the BJP after the Ram temple construction in Ayodhya and the resultant development in the district. In 2014, he had polled an impressive winning margin of 2.8 lakh votes, which however came down drastically to just

65,000 in 2019. This time, he is fighting anti-incumbency and a formidable SP candidate, who has the support of the Congress.

The SP-Congress combine hopes their joint candidate can defeat the BJP this time. However, votes tell a different story. In 2019, the BJP had bagged 5,29,021 votes, while the SP got 4,63,544 and the Congress 53,386. This time, a third factor could influence poll calculations as the CPI has fielded former IPS officer Arvind Sen as its candidate. Sen is the son of veteran politician late Mitrasen Yadav, who had represented the constituency thrice in Parliament. Sen is expected to poll a considerable number of votes from the same electorate pool that the SP hopes to tap into.

All this boils down to the constituency's caste dynamics, which can swing results. The BJP has retained Singh, a Thakur by caste, for the battle in the land of Lord Ram, who himself was a Rajput. The saffron party has the support of Thakurs and other upper castes as well as a section of non-Yadav OBCs. SP candidate Prasad comes from the Dalit Kori community and is trying to mobilise Dalits, who constitute a sizeable population of 5.5 lakh in the constituency. He can also expect help from the SP's traditional Muslim-Yadav vote bank. Meanwhile, CPI's Sen, an OBC, is getting traction among his caste group on the ground. The BSP has also fielded Sachidanand Pandey, a Brahmin, as its candidate for Faizabad but the community is not strong enough to create a ripple.

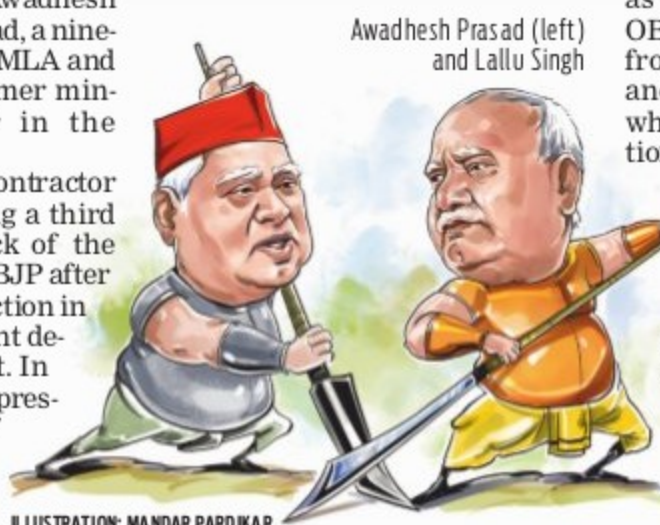


ILLUSTRATION: MANOJ PARIKAR

21-year-old B'luru student jumps off college building

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A 21-year-old third-year engineering student allegedly died by suicide by jumping from the fifth floor of a private college building in Bengaluru South on Tuesday. The deceased has been identified as C Rahul from Ballari. Rahul lived with his mother. His father works abroad.

It is alleged that the student took the extreme step as he was denied entry into the examination hall as he was late. He had to write his first paper of the sixth semester examination. It is also alleged that Rahul was told that he would not be allowed to participate in campus placements.

DCP (Southeast) CK Baba said the incident happened around 10.30 am. The probe will begin after the student's father arrives in the country and files a complaint. P5

More thunderstorms forecast till monsoon

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THE India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued an alert for more thunderstorms and dust storms in the coming days, till the onset of south west monsoon, while there is no heat wave alert for the state or the country.

Citing the Ghatkopar incident where an illegal hoarding came crashing down on a fuel outlet, claiming at least 14 lives, the department has advised people to be cautious, alert and safe. Similar incidents may occur due to thunderstorms or dust storms.

Director General of Meteorology Mrutyunjay Mohapatra told TNIE that due to the prolonged hot and dry spell and less humidity, dust storms are being reported in states such as Maharashtra, Gujarat and Rajasthan. More such storms could occur in the coming days, he said.

"We have also issued an alert for thunderstorms in most parts of the country, including the ghats and southern peninsula, in the coming days till the onset of monsoon," he said.

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PM files papers amid show of NDA strength



Modi waves after filing his papers for the LS elections in Varanasi on Tuesday | P11

NAMITA BAIJPAI @ Lucknow

SEEKING a third term as member of Parliament from Varanasi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday filed his nomination papers amid great fanfare and symbolism in the presence of a whole array of NDA allies, chief ministers and Union ministers.

Before filing his papers during the auspicious Pushya Nakshatra on the day of Ganga Saptami (River Ganga is believed to have flown down to earth on this day), Modi offered prayers to the holy river at Dashashwamedh Ghat under the guidance of K Venkat Raman Ghanapathy, a member of Kashi Vishwanath Temple Trust, along with three priests

PEP TALK FOR CADRE
Modi concluded his two-day visit to Kashi by addressing a gathering of party workers and exuded confidence about the NDA victory in the polls. He urged party workers to maintain the momentum till the last phase of voting on June 1

from Tamil Nadu and one each from Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra.

He paid obeisance at the Kashi Kotwal Kaal Bhairav temple before proceeding to the collectorate to file his papers amid chants of *Har Har Mahadev*. At the district magistrate's office, four persons — Ganeshwar Shastri Dravid, Baijnath Patel, Lalchand Kushwaha and Sanjay Sonkar — representing different sections of the society, proposed Modi's name for nomination from the constituency.

Dravid is the high priest who had determined the auspicious time for the consecration of the Ram temple at Ayodhya and had supervised the rituals. Baijnath Patel is a party worker since the days of Jan Sangh. Lalchand Kushwaha represents the OBC community and Sanjay Sonkar is a Dalit.

Prominent among the dignitaries present included BJP's national president J P Nadda, ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, and Ramdas Athawale; chief ministers Yogi Adityanath, Eknath Shinde, and Conrad Sangma; former Andhra CM Chandrababu Naidu and NCP leader Praful Patel.

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BDA set to hike rates for upcoming flat allotment

Notification to be issued after MCC for LS polls ends post June 4; over 1,500 units at Kommaghatta and Konadaspura to get costlier

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THE Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) is likely to increase the initially proposed rates of its new flats by 4% to 29% in two residential projects during its notification for allotment to be issued shortly. This is aimed at shoring up its financial position and bringing its properties closer to the market rates which have shot up after the revision of guidance value by the State Government since October 1 last year.

The projects to be hiked encompass over 1,500 flats at

Kommaghatta (in Kengeri) in West Bengaluru and Konadaspura (near Whitefield) in East Bengaluru. The notification will be issued after June 4 when the Model Code of Conduct for the Lok Sabha elections will be lifted.

A senior official told *The New Indian Express*, "Our proposal needs to be approved by the authority's board but it will give its consent. The primary objective of effecting this hike is to pay the bills of our contractors and not to make any profits for the BDA."

BDA flats at Kommaghatta

will have a considerable hike. The extension of Metro's Purple line to Kengeri (August 30, 2021) and later to Challaghatta (October 9, 2023) have resulted in a surge in demand for property in this part of the city.

The hikes proposed here: 3BHK in Phase I will be Rs 65.7 lakh (previously planned cost was Rs 53 lakh); 2BHK in Phase II will be Rs 54.3 lakh (up from Rs 42 lakh), and 2BHK in Phase III will be Rs 49.15 lakh (up from Rs 42 lakh). BDA presently possesses 480 3BHK flats, and 360 2BHK flats in Phase II and 336 2BHK flats in Phase III.



Asked about the steep increase, the official said, "If you look at Kommaghatta, the rates

were fixed in 2018 and six years have passed. Costs have soared during this period. Flats sold by private builders just near our project are much higher."

In comparison, a minor hike of 4% has been proposed in Konadaspura where 300 of the 632 flats have been sold so far. "They are all 2BHK ones and are presently being sold at Rs 50 lakh a piece. We propose to effect sell them for Rs 52 lakh a piece. Once the notification is issued, the new rate would be applicable to the flats yet to be sold as well as the new flats in the ₹F Block which have not

been opened for sale yet," the official said.

Another official said, "BDA had applied for a loan of Rs 1,000 crore from the Union Bank of India but we have only taken Rs 300 crore so far and want to stop with this sum itself. We have borrowed to pay contractors who are working across our multiple projects. The hike to be effected in the flats is intended to repay the bank loan."

There will be no increase in the rates planned at the Hunge Villa project which will also be notified soon.



The business hub of Chickpet has now become even more chaotic with one side of the road, a major connecting link to the north and south parts of the city, closed for white-topping work | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

BBMP white-topping work leads to major decline in business in Chickpet

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

VISITORS to Chickpet, one of the city's largest wholesale markets, should be prepared for chaos for at least next 100 days. The market, already congested, has become even more chaotic and challenging to navigate over the past month due to ongoing white-topping work on one side of its narrow road.

The market, within the Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao's Gandhinagar constituency, is home to hundreds of clothing stores, hardware shops, electronics outlets and numerous small eateries, and is visited by thousands of people daily, who are now struggling to even walk through the area. Shop and restaurant owners on BVK Iyengar Road reported that their revenue has decreased by 20-30% because customers, finding it hard to navigate, do not visit as frequently.

When *TNIE* visited the area, the shop owners said they were being told that the work would be completed in a month. However, a BBMP official confirmed that currently only BWSSB has laid the pipelines. Following this, BBMP will begin their

work and the overall project is expected to take over 100 days.

Shop owners claimed that the road has been dug up for a month, yet no significant progress has been made during this time. "Customer count and sales have decreased. Most of our customers, who run Darshinis, used to come by two-wheeler to load their items. However, due to the current conditions, they find it difficult to commute and have started purchasing from other areas," Pankaj, who owns a hardware shop, said. "The customers said it is to avoid the temporary chaos, but we risk losing customers in the process. In 100 days, people can find 100 different alternatives to switch to. Where will we end up," he questioned.

Badrinath, who runs an eatery about a few metres away from the Chickpet metro station, said, "The roads were already in decent condition, and while the new construction work may seem helpful in the long run, we are losing customers daily. Previously, people would stop at our shop for snacks after getting off at Chickpet metro, but now the crowd is dwindling. By evening,

there are hardly any visitors, only traffic."

Trade activist Sajjan Raj Mehta said, "When authorities undertake work on such busy routes, they should ensure that a board displaying the names of the responsible authorities, along with contact numbers and a deadline, is provided. Those exceeding the deadline should face penalties."

Mehta mentioned that the lack of coordination among BWSSB, BBMP and other civic bodies is directly affecting the daily operations of businesses in the area, further making life harder for those who rely on this bustling location for their livelihoods.

Despite the traffic being regulated to one-way by evening, two-wheelers start coming from the other side, blocking the road for up to an hour, a shopkeeper said. "The stretch is a major connecting link to the north and south parts of the city, yet decisions were made without informing us. Despite being aware of the high footfall in the area, which could impact our livelihoods, the authorities suddenly began digging without consulting or even informing any of us," he lamented.

KR PURAM UP-RAMP OF HEBBAL FLYOVER CLOSED TO TWO-WHEELERS TOO

The KR Puram up-ramp of Hebbal flyover has been closed to all types of vehicles from Tuesday. This will continue till the completion of the road infrastructure work initiated by the Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA). Earlier, all types of vehicles except two-wheelers were prohibited.

THE BENGALURU TRAFFIC POLICE (BTP) HAS ISSUED ALTERNATIVE ROUTES FOR MOTORISTS

Commuters from Nagavara (ORR) going towards the city via Mekhri Circle should go to Hebbal Circle below the flyover, take a right turn towards Kodigehalli, and then take a U-turn to join the service road and further join the loop towards the city.

Commuters coming from Hegdenagar-Thansandra may use GKVK-Jakkur Road to enter the city.



Commuters coming from KR Puram towards Yeshwanthpur can move straight below Hebbal flyover towards BEL Circle, take a left turn to reach Sadashivanagar police station junction, take a right turn and move towards IISc and onwards to Yeshwanthpur.

Commuters coming from the KR Puram side towards the city should use these routes: IOC-Mukunda theatre Rd, Lingarajapura flyover route, Nagavara-Tannery Toad

Commuters travelling towards Kempegowda International Airport from KR Puram, Hennur, HRBR Layout, Banasawadi, KG Halli and surrounding areas should use the Hennuru-Bagaluru Road.

BWSSB plans RWH at all govt buildings

ENS @Bengaluru

THE Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) will install rainwater harvesting systems and hydrants at government buildings, including schools and colleges, BBMP educational institutions, hospitals, parks and anganwadis, said its chairman V Ram Prasat Manohar. He also instructed officials to submit an action plan in this regard within a week.

"Priority will be given on implementing this system in government schools, colleges, BBMP educational institutions and anganwadis in government buildings. School students should learn first-hand about this system and its benefits," he said.

The BWSSB chief also batted for the installation of the rainwater harvesting system in religious places and BMTC bus stops.

WILL DEVELOP GOVT SCHOOLS WITH CSR AID, SAYS DCM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

DEPUTY Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, who honoured SSLC toppers from government schools on Tuesday, announced a plan to develop government schools under CSR aid without relying on funds from the state.

Honouring SSLC toppers Ankita, who secured first rank, and Navneet, who bagged third rank, with Rs 5 lakh and Rs 2 lakh, respectively, at his residence here, he said work on 20 government schools in Ramanagara district has begun. His aim is to provide education of international quality to students in rural areas through schools developed under CSR aid.

A meeting on the development of government schools will be convened after the Model Code of Conduct is withdrawn, he said.



Chief Minister Siddaramaiah greets Ankita Basappa Konnur of Bagalkot district, who secured the first rank in SSLC exam, in Bengaluru on Tuesday | KPN

"My interest is politics, but I have always said that my choice is education," Shivakumar said and added that his goal is to develop government schools in rural areas to world-class institutions.

CM ANNOUNCES Rs 1.5 CRP FOR SCHOOLS OF TOPPERS

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday felicitated Ankita Basappa Konnur from Mudhol, Bagalkot district, who secured the first rank in the SSLC examination, and Navneet from Mandya district who came third in the state. He also announced Rs 1 crore for the development of the Moraji Desai Residential School in Malligere, Mudhol taluk, where Ankita studied, and Rs 50 lakh for the Moraji Desai Residential School, Tumbakere of Mandya district, where studied. He also handed over a cheque of Rs 5 lakh to Ankita and Rs 3 lakh to Navneet for their further education. ENS

On an invitation, Ankita from Mudhol taluk in Bagalkot district and Navneet from Mandya arrived at Shivakumar's residence in Sadashivanagar with their parents and representatives from their schools.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

15th May: I recently read an estimate of the amount of atoms in the universe. Basically, the number is too long to say but, if you write a 1 and then a hundred noughts, you'd be in the right area. But then, at the rate our knowledge of the universe expands, we might soon have to add another hundred noughts, give or take!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

A change of plan is a good possibility at the moment, largely because you're free from most pressures. The Moon's relationship to your sign promises to assist you in all domestic matters, all the more so if you are prepared to put your own money forward.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

A sound and supportive lunar trend augurs well for success today, whatever you are doing. There's plenty of time to update plans and venture into fresh fields, making moves which will be useful later. You will run into a couple of minor obstacles, but nothing you can't handle.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

A word is needed about your work, worldly ambitions and professional prospects. There honestly seems to be little chance that you will succeed without a good deal of sympathy and support. Your best move, therefore, to charm other people and persuade them of the rightness of your cause.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

There could be good fortune in all matters involving communication and ideas. In fact, it's a day to think a little and to make a dramatic break from all stale habits, attitudes and opinions - and to keep friends and acquaintances on your side.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)

This should be a talkative sort of a time. Trivial problems could mar the start of the day, but by mid-morning you'll be back on course. Events should run heavily in your favour, all the more so if domestic expenditure is on the cards. A fresh responsibility at work could have a surprising effect on your closest relationships.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

This is definitely the time to promote your social image as a confident and caring person. If you're on the ball, people will look up to you as the ideal person to represent their interests. Do look after yourself, though, and make keeping fit your priority.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

Major career changes are still pending, in spite of all the upheavals you've been through over the past year or so. Today's stars bring a prosperous but extravagant mood, and it will be necessary to watch your wallet. A financial speculation could be a fine idea, but you need to have all options covered.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Current planetary influences seem set to boost your relationships but, what the results will be, nobody can tell. One thing is certain - that you will be swept off your feet by events over the next three or four days. Take the lead at home - your ideas may be radical, but they're certainly the best.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

Your ruling planet, Jupiter, has an awkward habit of dredging up all sorts of hidden desires and longings from your unconscious. There are long-term questions which can be dealt with now, mainly by talking about them. You have to have the confidence to say what you really feel.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

You may be feeling more at ease, but with the planets in their current mood, there's little time for relaxation. You will, though, be laying solid foundations for the future, especially for business expansion. Somehow, somewhere, sometime, you're going to find a new way to earn more money.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

New career possibilities are on the horizon, but even though events are moving your way, they are unlikely to come to fruition just yet. In the long run, delays are likely to work to your advantage, yet first you have to tackle a personal gripe.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)

Before long, news from a distance could be pleasing and might contain a tantalising invitation. Day-to-day chores should by now be under control, so take a well-earned break while you can. If you can spend time by yourself, pursuing a personal project, get on and do it!

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- He's concerned with his image being badly tailored (8)
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- An innate ability to make money (6)
- Eton is of note (7)
- He makes one cross at times (5)
- Having the look of a powerful flyer (5-4)

DOWN

- Cheeky make-up (5)
- Stockings only put out in the North and South (6)
- Lash a container inside and on the surface (8)
- Your humble servant (6)
- In such agreement cash too is involved (7)
- Properly cared most for US party members (9)
- Original sort of painting? (9)
- I plan too haphazardly but it's a matter of choice (8)
- Lavish praise (7)
- Given no consideration (6)
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JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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After her favorite figurine hit the floor and shattered, she...

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ONION FLASH STUFFY GLANCE Answer: The wealthy couple bought a private jet and were enjoying their - FLIGHT OF FANCY

LED UP THE FEDEX PATH? ACCUSED MAY NOT BE FROM INDIA

BALA CHAUHAN @ bengaluru

THE accused in the case of a city-based woman lawyer, who had lost around Rs 14.5 lakh in a cyber fraud case in April this year and was made to strip in front of a web camera by cyber criminals, may be members of an international cyber crime syndicate.

Deputy Commissioner of Police, East, Kuldeep Jain told TNIE that so far, the investigation has found the money trail to a country in the Middle East. "Of the total amount (around

Rs 14.5lakh) the victim lost in the fraud case, we were able to freeze Rs 6lakh, which was returned to her through court. We found the money trail to the Middle East. We have sought information from banks and are awaiting details," said Jain. As per investigation so far, the accused may not be from India, he added.

The 29-year-old victim had received a call in April from an impostor posing as a Mumbai policeman, who told her that a consignment of 140 grams of narcotic drugs had arrived

through FedEx courier from Thailand, in her name. Soon, another fraudster who introduced himself as a CBI official, called and accused her of being involved in human trafficking and other crimes, and coerced her into revealing personal information, including her bank and Aadhaar details. She was then instructed to transfer money to a particular account. Later, the impostor forced the victim to strip on a Skype call for a "narcotics test" and was blackmailed if she didn't transfer money.

In response to the scam, FedEx had immediately issued a statement that it never requests personal information through unsolicited phone calls or emails for goods shipped or held from its customers, unless requested or initiated by them, and cautioned them to immediately contact local law enforcement authorities or report to the cybercrime department of the Government of India.

Meanwhile, the Central government on Tuesday cautioned the public against growing incidents of intimidation, black-

mail, extortion and "Digital Arrests" by cyber criminals posing as police authorities, Reserve Bank of India, Enforcement Directorate and other law enforcement agencies.

Compromise the 'case'

"A large number of complaints are being reported on the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal regarding these cases. These fraudsters typically call a potential victim and inform that the victim has sent, or is the intended recipient of a par-

A retired PSI's 36-year-old son, who has been working as an attendant at a private firm for the last two years, has been arrested on charges of stealing Rs 25 lakh. The Vijayanagar police identified the accused as Mahesh, a resident of RPC Layout in Vijayanagar. Mahesh had debts and was involved in gambling, the police said

cel, which contains illegal goods, drugs, fake passports or other contraband. Sometimes, they also inform that a near or dear one of the victim has been found to be involved in a crime or accident, and is in their custody. A demand for money is made to compromise the 'case'. In certain instances, unsuspecting victims are made to undergo 'digital arrest' and remain visually available over Skype or other video conferencing platforms to the fraudsters, till their demands are met," the Centre stated.

The fraudsters are known to use studios modelled on police stations and government offices and wear uniforms to appear genuine. This is an organized online economic crime and is learnt to be operated by cross-border crime syndicates.

The Indian Cyber Crime Co-ordination Centre (I4C), under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), coordinates activities related to combating cybercrime in the country. Call 1930 - cybercrime helpline number - or visit www.cybercrime.gov.in for assistance.

MAN HACKS WIFE TO DEATH AFTER SHE REFUSES TO WITHDRAW CASE

Deceased woman sought maintenance for her daughter

PRAVEEN KUMAR @ Bengaluru

REFUSAL to withdraw a case for maintenance proved dear for a 35-year-old woman, who was murdered at a bus stop by her husband and his brother on Sunday. The victim was on her way to a relative's housewarming ceremony, when the accused followed her and hacked her to death while she was waiting for a bus.

The couple, married for six years, had separated two years ago. The victim, P Manjula, refused to withdraw the case despite multiple requests from her husband, Rajesh. The murder happened in Kanakapura taluk of Ram-anagara district. Manjula's brother Mahesh filed a complaint against the accused.

Manjula, a resident of Harohalli, was hacked to death at a bus stop near Santhegate, at Muduvadi Gate of Kanakapu-

ra, between 12.10pm and 12.20pm on Sunday. Rajesh (40), from Vaddarahalli, a professional photographer, and his brother Somashekar are on the run.

Onlookers threatened

Mahesh told *The New Indian Express* that his sister went to the bus stop in an auto. "After she got down, her husband, who was following her on a bike, asked her to ride pillion on the bike. When she refused and sat in the bus stop, he hacked her to death. Other women in the bus stop tried to help my sister, but the accused threatened them. She died on the spot. One of my relatives informed me about the brutal killing," Mahesh said.

"My sister and Rajesh were happy for the first four years of their marriage. Later, he came in touch with his paramour and started troubling

my sister. He started suspecting her fidelity and had installed CCTVs even inside the bedroom. Unable to bear his torture, she came away and stayed with us. Since they have a five-year-old daughter, she had approached court, seeking maintenance from her husband to take care of the child. Rajesh was forcing my sister to withdraw the court case for the last six months. When she refused, Rajesh and his brother would come near our house and create problems. Rajesh had threatened her with dire consequences," Mahesh added.

"While Rajesh killed his wife, Somashekar is alleged to have accompanied his brother. The accused used a sharp weapon. Both are on the run and we are searching for them," said an officer who is part of the investigation.

Kanakapura Rural police registered a case of murder and are investigating.

RPF rescues 22 kids from trains, stns in K'taka

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Railway Protection Force (RPF) has been instrumental in rescuing 22 children, including four girls, across the South Western Railway Zone in April. The rescue operations were conducted by the RPF's 'Nanhe Farishte' team, specially created to rescue lost children.

A release stated the children got separated from their families due to various reasons.

Under another operation,



RPF officers with seized liquor bottles, smuggled through trains | EXPRESS

'Uplabdh', the RPF seized tickets worth Rs 13,67,887 and arrested 24 touts. "To curb the

menace of black marketing of railway tickets, special drives were conducted at travel agencies/ agents in Karnataka and Goa. In 23 cases, 24 touts were arrested and prosecuted under Section 143 of the Railways Act. A total of 94 live reserved tickets valued at Rs 2,88,515 were seized, and 751 used tickets worth Rs 10,79,371 were seized," the release stated.

RPF also arrested three individuals and seized 50.88 kg of narcotics worth Rs 49,90,500 in six incidents in April under

'Operation Narcos'

RPF's operation 'Yatri Suraksha' arrested three persons involved in crimes against passengers. Gold ornaments weighing 106 gm and cash of Rs 4.77 lakh stolen from passengers were recovered. Four mobile phones worth Rs 70,000 were also recovered and returned to the victims.

Under 'Operation Satark', 961 liquor bottles (7,67,799 ml) valued at Rs 8,34,776 were seized in 42 incidents and handed over to the Excise department.

Bomb hoax email targets 8 city schools

ENS @ Bengaluru

AN email threatening to blow up at least eight private schools in Bengaluru put the police department in a tizzy on Tuesday. However, it was later confirmed that all the emails were a hoax.

Following calls from the schools on Tuesday morning, the police rushed to the campuses and carried out extensive searches with the bomb squad and sniffer dogs, but

could not find any explosive substances, an officer said.

The schools that were targeted by miscreants via email on Monday night, include Bangalore Scottish School, Bhavan Bangalore Press School, Chitrakoota School, Deeksha High School, Edify School, Gangotri International Public School, Giridhanva School, and Jain Heritage School. The school authorities, who saw the email on Tuesday morning, in-

formed the police.

According to a source, the email read: "I have placed explosive devices inside of your building. They will explode in the following hours. This isn't a threat. The group called 'Court' is behind this massacre."

At a press conference on Tuesday, Bengaluru City Police Commissioner B Dayananda said the miscreants used VPN and proxy servers.

EXPRESS READ

Thief who stole from 6 houses in 1 month held

Bengaluru: A 44-year-old habitual offender, after being released from jail, robbed six houses over one month. The police identified the accused as Prakash alias Balaji and recovered 422 gm of gold worth over Rs 27 lakh from him. Prakash has 54 cases against him and was in jail for two years. The police said that the accused tracked the whereabouts of the families and made duplicate keys using silver foil, which he would use to break into houses.

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Rajendranagar, Hyderabad-500030

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Refer to Advt. No.03/2024 dated 28.01.2024. Last date for receipt of applications for admission into PGDM-RM & PGDRM (regular programmes) is extended up-to 5th June, 2024. Please visit our website www.nirdpr.org.in for further details and to apply online. The last date for receipt of filled-in online applications is 05.06.2024. For queries, please contact 91-9866107450, Email ID: cpgs.nird@gov.in

Advt.No.11/2024
Comp. no. 7626

Sd/-
Coordinator (Admissions)
CPGS & DE

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Date : 13.05.2024
e-Tender No: IRCONR-1400028/MCLTender/2024/04

e-Tender for and behalf of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (Client) by IRCON International Limited is invited from bidders meeting qualifying requirements for the works of Construction of Station Building/ET Cabin/S&T Goomy/SSP Building and other related work in connection with Development of Rail Infrastructure for proposed 02 no RLS (20 MTY) for Ananta CDP of Jagannath area, MCL at Modified route (i.e. through excavated de-coaled area of Ananta & Bharatpur CDP of MCL) at Talcher in State of Odisha.

Estimated Cost of the work: Rs. 5,85,63,958/- (Including GST).
Last date & Time of e-bid Submission: 08.06.2024 at 11:30Hrs.
For further details visit website <https://e-tenders.gov.in/e-procure/app>. Corrigendum, if any would be hosted only on the website.

Designation, Address of Tender Inviting Authority
For & on behalf of (MAHANADI COALFIELDS LIMITED)
General Manager/Civil/PI, FCI Road, Ghatapada, Talcher-751013

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby notified and informed that, my client Smt. Sujatha A. W/o A.Sudhakar, R/at #4-8-47/2, Veerabhadranagar, near Pragathi High School, Hayathi Nagar, Rangareddy, Andhra Pradesh-501505, Had purchased a property bearing No.Sy.No.200(Old No.150p3), it is further submitted that the property measuring One Acre situated at Koduguri Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Measuring One Acre, Bturu Rural Dist. It is submitted that myself the Advocate after the Registration of the Sale Agreement in the Devanahalli Sub-Registrar Office, had lost the original Sale Deed vide Document No.DNH-1-07942007-08 Dated: 13-03-2008 in the Sub-registrar office at devanahalli on 20-07-2023 itself. If any person's come in contact of the same or found they may kindly return the same to my client or the below mentioned address. In this regard my client has also lodged a police complaint which is registered as case No. 1050589/2024.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the place and parcel of the agricultural land bearing Survey No.200 (old No. 150p3), situated at Koduguri Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Measuring One Acre.

East By: land belonging to Homalappa
West By: land belonging to Chikkanarasimhaiah
North By: land belonging to Chikkanarasimhaiah
South By: Road

PRABHU KUMAR, R, Advocate,
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2nd Stage, Rajanagar, Bengaluru 560 019.

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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

KIIT Climbs Higher in Times Young University Rankings 2024

The annual Times Higher Education Young University Rankings has been announced today. In a notable achievement in its academic rankings, KIIT Deemed to be University has ascended to the 11th position in India in the Times Higher Education Young University Rankings for 2024. This move demonstrates KIIT's continuous improvement and commitment to excellence in higher education.

KIIT Deemed to be University, which is just 20 years old, has outshone many older and more established institutions, including several IITs. This achievement is particularly significant considering the youth of the institution compared to others that have been educational pillars for about half a century.

In last year's rankings, KIIT was placed in the cohort of 151-200 globally. KIIT's global rank has significantly improved to 168 in this year's rankings. Out of the 673 universities worldwide evaluated in this year's ranking, 55 were from India, placing KIIT in the elite top echelon of young universities. The Times Higher Education Young University Rankings specifically lists the world's best universities that are 50 years old or younger, assessing them across their core missions: teaching, research, knowledge transfer, and international outlook.

KIIT's rise in the rankings is a testament to its robust academic framework and innovative educational practices. The university has consistently been recognized for its dynamic approach to education that emphasizes not just academic rigor but also the holistic development of its students.

Faculty, students, and staff at KIIT and KISS have expressed deep gratitude towards the Founder Dr. Achyuta Samanta. His visionary leadership and dedication have been pivotal in KIIT's rapid rise and substantial impact on both national and international levels.

Dr. Samanta commented on the achievement, stating, "This ranking is a reflection of our relentless pursuit of academic excellence. At KIIT, we are committed to providing world-class education and preparing our students to be global leaders." He also congratulated all teachers, staff, and students for this achievement.

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Administrative Officer

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The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

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BEFORE THE HON'BLE II ADDL. DISTRICT CONSUMER COMMISSION C/18/2024
NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT
VIDE ORDER DATED 06.04.2024
D.R.B.-1/S.O.R/243/2020-21
MIS. REFREE BUSINESS RESOURCING LLP
(Rep by Adv. Smt.Rashmi Parasharam)
...COMPLAINANT
V/s MIS. SPIDER CREATIONS
...OPPOSITE PARTY
To: OPPOSITE PARTY
SPIDER CREATIONS 9/1, 2nd Cross, 7th Main Road, Indiranagar, Bengaluru-560038
Whereas, the above mentioned Complaint has been filed by the above named Complainant praying for refund of the amount of Rs. 1,60,996/- Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this Court either in person or through counsel duly instructed or through someone authorized by law, to act for you, in the above Complaint on 24.05.2024 at 10.30 AM in case you intend to contest the Complaint. If you fail to appear, the same will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.
Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this 20/04/2024

By Order of the Court
Sd/-Asst. Registrar Cum
Assistant Commissioner Officer
Bengaluru Urban
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4.	B.Sc., Yoga	3 Years
5.	M.Sc., Yoga	2 Years
6.	B.Sc., Exercise Physiology & Nutrition	3 Years
7.	B.Sc., Sports Bio Mechanics and Kinesiology	3 Years
8.	M.Sc., Exercise Physiology & Nutrition	2 Years
9.	M.Sc., Sports Biomechanics and Kinesiology	2 Years
10.	M.Sc., Sports Psychology and Sociology	2 Years
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IMPORTANT DATES

Online Application will be opened on : 15.05.2024
Last date for on line Application Date : 10.06.2024

Place : Chennai
Date : 15.05.2024

Dr.I.LILLY PUSHPAM
REGISTRAR

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL COURT (CCH-17) AT BENGALURU
O.S. No. 8005/2018

BETWEEN : 1. Sri. N. Narasanna
S/o Late Nanjundappa, Since Deceased
1a. Smt. Padma, D/o Late N. Narasanna,
W/o Shivabankar, Aged about 45 years,
1b. Sri. Parameshwara N
S/o Late N. Narasanna, Aged about 42 years,
1c. Smt. Nirmala, D/o Late N. Narasanna,
W/o Late Gurumurthy, Aged about 40 years,
1d. Smt. Baghyamma, D/o Late N. Narasanna,
W/o Babu, Aged about 36 years, All are R/o No.319, 11th Cross Road, B.H.E.L. Mini Colony, Near Mallikarjuna Swamy Temple, Mallesandra, T.Dasarahalli, Bangalore-560057.

2. Sri. M.N. Rajanna
S/o Late Nanjundappa, Aged about 61 years,
3. Sri. M.N. Krishnappa S/o Late Nanjundappa, Aged about 57 years, All are R/o No.319, 11th Cross Road, B.H.E.L. Mini Colony, Near Mallikarjuna Swamy Temple, Mallesandra, T.Dasarahalli, Bangalore-560057.

AND: SMT. LAKSHMINARASIMHAIAH (AMMAIAH) & OTHERS - DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT No. 3

3. Sri. D. Purushothama Reddy, S/o Late J. Dhoreswamy Reddy, Aged about 66 years, R/o No.50, 1st Main Road, Kodandarama Nagar, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003.

Whereas the above named Plaintiffs have filed the above suit against you before the court of City Civil & Session Court (CCH-17) at Bangalore, for partition and separate possession in respect of the suit schedule properties. You are the Defendant No.3 in the above case.

The case stands posted to 26.06.2024 notice for your appearance. Therefore you are hereby called upon to appear in the court of City Civil & Session Court (CCH-17) at Bangalore, on the aforesaid date at 11 AM with in person or through your pleader, to answer the claim, failing which the matter will be heard and decided in your absence.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the land in Survey No. 32/3 measuring 08 Guntas, situated at Mallesandra Village, Yashwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk bounded as follows: **EAST BY:** Vasanthappa Property, **WEST BY:** Govt. Banda, **NORTH BY:** Doreeswamy Reddy Property, **SOUTH BY:** Vijayappa Property.

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the land in Survey No. 32/6 measuring 07 Guntas, situated at Mallesandra Village, Yashwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk bounded as follows: **EAST BY:** Vasanthappa Property, **NORTH BY:** Bylamma's Property, **SOUTH BY:** Doreeswamy Reddy Property.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 19/04/2024.

By Order of the Court, Senior Sheristadar,
City Civil Court, Bengaluru.
Advocate for Plaintiffs:
PUNYA LAW CHAMBERS
Jagan, Ash, INC, Advocates and Solicitors
No.47, 3rd Floor, PNB Building, 8th Cross,
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You, the under mentioned borrower/mortgagor is hereby informed that the Company has initiated proceedings against you under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the Notice under Section 13(2) of the Act sent to you by Registered Post Ack. Due for borrower's has been returned undelivered. Hence you are hereby called upon to take notice and pay the outstanding loan amount mentioned against the said account with interest accruing there from within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the company will proceed against you by exercising its right under Sub-sec (4) of Section 13 of the Act by enforcing the below mentioned security to realize its dues with interests and cost. It is needless to mention that this Notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the company.

Name and Address of the Borrower & Guarantors	Date of Demand Notice & Amount Outstanding
Applicant & Co-Applicant:- 1.MRS. DEVARATHNAMMA 2.MR. KENCHAPPA 3.MR. SRIKANTH All are Residing at : Apppegowdanahalli, Sidhigatta (T) Chikkaballapur, Karnataka - 562 105. GUARANTOR: Mr.Mahesh Kumar K, S/o Kenchappa, # Apppegowdanahalli, Kondanahalli, Chikkaballapura-562 103	Demand Date: 19.01.2024 Rs. 5,37,543/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Forty Three Only) as on 10.01.2024. NPA Date: 09-01-2024

Description of Property:- All that piece and parcel of the immovable property Site No. 85, unique ID No. 152800601600420061, khatna No. 346 situated Apppegowdanahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Sidhigatta Taluk, Chikkaballapura District presently comes under limits of Handanal Gram panchayath measuring East to West 9.144 mtrs and North to South 12.192 mtrs and bounded on: of land and building and all other appurtenances attached to the said property. **Boundaries:** North By: Site No 84, South By: Site No 86, East By: Site No 100, West By: Road.

Date: 19.01.2024
Place: Apppegowdanahalli

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd.

'There is chance I.N.D.I.A may form next govt'

PSEPHOLOGIST Premchand Paley, founder of C-For – a premier agency that conducts election surveys, speaks to Bansa Kalappa of *TNIE* about the Lok Sabha elections. He said, "It may be speculative, but there is a chance of the I.N.D.I.A bloc forming the next government."



Unemployment and inflation are major voter concerns. Many voters also do not like the dictator-like attitude of the present leadership and select targeting of politicians. This may impact Modi's image

Premchand Paley, psephologist

Some say a multiphase poll like this could favour the ruling party, whose biggest campaigner is PM Modi...

Modi is the main vote catcher for BJP. Such multi-phase polls will facilitate his campaigning and also help in deploying resources.

The share market has seen a big correction. The satta market that gave the ruling party 340 seats earlier has brought it down to 280...

Share/satta markets are speculative. They also depend on the feedback from pollsters. Most pollsters conducting actual field surveys feel that for BJP, the going is not as rosy as it was projected about a month ago.

The PM is raking up communally divisive issues like ghuspetiyan and is speaking about the opposition receiving black money from Adanis and Ambanis...

This shows he is nervous. Maybe he got the exit poll reports that are not favourable for BJP. Last election, Pulwama/Balakot helped BJP. Since there is no such issue this election, BJP would like to create some religious polarisation.

How do you see Karnataka polls going?

This election, I haven't done any survey in Karnataka. But I can sense that Congress will do much better than the previous election. In fact, there is now a clear North-South divide. Many South Indian voters perceive BJP as biased against the South.



How have four phases of voting gone? Is Modi a lesser factor in this election?

In the four phases so far, the feedback is that BJP will lose some seats and there is a possibility that NDA could end up below the majority mark. Unemployment and inflation are major voter concerns. Many voters also do not like the dictator-like attitude of the present leadership and select targeting of politicians. This may impact Modi's image.

Any key states we should focus on?

The states that can change BJP's fortune are Karnataka, Telangana, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, UP and Bihar.

How big has been the impact of Siddaramaiah's five guarantees and the pen drive allegation against JDS-BJP MP candidate Prajwal Revanna? Siddaramaiah's five guarantees have had a positive impact for Congress. If Con-

gress does well in the state that could be one of the main reasons. Had Prajwal's case come out a few days earlier that would have had a major impact in the first phase in the Old Mysuru region. This will have some impact in the second phase.

Maharashtra has been seen as a key swing state. There is talk of a possible sympathy wave in favour of both Uddhav Thackeray's Shiv Sena and Sharad Pawar's NCP...

Yes, there seems to be a sympathy wave in favour of both Uddhav and Pawar. This could help I.N.D.I.A improve its tally significantly in the state.

How big a dent can the RJD-Congress alliance make in Bihar?

Tejashwi Yadav has a big impact in Bihar. At the same time, Nitish Kumar's image has taken a big hit. He is being seen as an opportunist. His party could lose many seats.

What about Rajasthan?

Many voters in Rajasthan are not happy with the choice of chief minister. This could affect BJP's prospects.

What about UP?

In most states, including UP, socially disadvantaged sections are perceiving BJP as an upper caste and upper class party. Farmers are also unhappy.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah predicted Telangana yielding 10-12 seats and Andhra Pradesh 17-18 seats. He expected BJP to open its account in Tamil Nadu and Kerala. He believes BJP will become the biggest party in the South...

Not necessarily. Remember last time when Pulwama/Balakot happened. Big swings can happen.

What are your indications from West Bengal? BJP could get its tally close to the last election.

Who could be nearer to the 272-273 mark? It would be speculative, but there is a chance of I.N.D.I.A forming the next government.

The full interview can be watched on *TNIE* YouTube channel

Revanna released from Parappana Agrahara jail

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

HOLENARASIPUR JDS MLA, 66-year-old HD Revanna, who was arrested on charges of kidnapping a 47-year-old victim of sexual assault, was released from the Parappana Agrahara central prison around 1.30 pm on Tuesday.

He was accompanied by a few party MLAs and other leaders, while several party workers

had gathered outside the jail to extend their support. They greeted him with slogans and followed him in a large convoy of vehicles.

As he was walking out of the prison, Revanna refused to speak to mediapersons, but greeted them with only a namaste. At 2.05 pm, he arrived at his sister's house in Padmanabhanagar to meet his parents. He is said to have wept looking at his family members and took

blessings from his father, former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda, and mother Chennamma.

Revanna's brother and former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy was at the house. A team of advocates also accompanied Revanna. After taking a rest for a while, he then went to a temple.

Elaborate police deployment had been made near the prison. One DCP, three ACPs, six in-

spectors, 20 sub-inspectors and 250 police personnel were on security duty. The police were also deployed near the Padmanabhanagar residence and the roads were barricaded.

Revanna, who spent six days in jail, was granted conditional bail on Monday by a Special Court for Elected Representatives.

He was remanded in judicial custody on May 8 after his arrest from his sister's house in

Padmanabhanagar on May 4.

Two FIRs have been registered against him. The first complaint of sexual harassment was filed by one of the victims at the Holenarasipur Town police station in Hassan district on April 28.

The second of kidnapping was registered by another victim's 20-year-old son on May 2 at the KR Nagar police station in Mysuru district, for which Revanna was arrested.

HDK must hand over pen drive to CM for probe: Satish Jarkiholi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi

INSTEAD of just repeatedly claiming to possess a pen drive with him, former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy should hand it over to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and help initiate an investigation into the matter, said KPCC working president and PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi.

At a press conference on Tuesday, Jarkiholi said it was not possible to take up investigation into the case related to the pen drive, unless it was handed over to the authorities. He hit out at Kumaraswamy, stating that the latter was making unreasonable allegations, claiming to have a pen drive, which contained some serious data. "Kumaraswamy should immediately pass on the pen drive to the CM. The CM is close to Kumaraswamy," said Jarkiholi.

Jarkiholi rubbished claims of the former CM of wanting to launch an investigation into the contents of the said pen drive, questioning, "How could the investigation be carried out, even before knowing what the pen drive contains?" He assured that the state government would conduct a fair inquiry into the matter if it gets all the details related to the pen drive.

Meanwhile, Jarkiholi said that he met Home Minister G Parameshwar to discuss the general election and the probable seats that the Congress could win.

On the demand by several senior legislators for more deputy chief ministers in the government, Jarkiholi said it was heard before the Lok Sabha polls in the state, since this issue was expected to help in the election. Now that the voting has ended in the state, such a demand has all but stopped, he added.



Holenarasipur JDS MLA HD Revanna departs from the residence of his father and former prime minister HD Deve Gowda, after his release on bail from Parappana Agrahara Central Prison, in Bengaluru on Tuesday | EXPRESS

Big whale behind Revanna's arrest, bid to tarnish Gowda family: HDK

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

FORMER chief minister and JDS state president HD Kumaraswamy on Tuesday alleged that the arrest of his brother and former minister HD Revanna in an alleged kidnapping case, was politically motivated. Revanna was charged with kidnapping a victim of his son Prajwal Revanna's alleged sexual abuse.

"It was done to tarnish the image of former prime minister HD Deve Gowda and his family, and there is a big whale behind all this. The truth will come out ultimately," Kumaraswamy said, indirectly targeting DCM DK Shivakumar as being responsible for the entire episode.

He told reporters that BJP leader and lawyer Devaraje Gowda was arrested because the latter had released an audio of Shivakumar's alleged involvement in the release of the pen drive, comprising sleazy videos of Prajwal Revanna. "Instead of arresting the big whale (Shivakumar), the SIT

'NOT THE TIME TO CELEBRATE'

Kumaraswamy suggested to JDS workers not to celebrate Revanna's release on bail. "A most heinous incident has taken place in the state, and Revanna also had to face charges. He got anticipatory bail and I want to tell our party workers this is not the time to be happy. Celebrate when the wrongdoers are punished," he said.

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"Does the government have any compassion for the families of the women in the videos? There is no question of me defending anyone. In this age of information technology, the guilty become innocent. If the government is committed, let the investigation be conducted in a proper manner. But there is no need to spin the investigation around Revanna," he suggested.

He attacked his political de-

Felt bad for Revanna, this should not have happened to their family: DKS

ENS @ Bengaluru

DCM DK Shivakumar here on Tuesday expressed his sympathies for former minister and JDS leader HD Revanna, arrested in a case of alleged kidnapping of a sexual assault victim.

He was replying to JDS state president HD Kumaraswamy, who had alleged a political motive behind Revanna's arrest to bring disrepute to former prime minister HD Deve Gowda's family. Both Revanna and Kumaraswamy are Gowda's sons.

"I also feel bad for Revanna as he hails from a big family. I wish it would not have happened to them. I won't wish them bad even if they wish me bad. I believe in natural justice and I

myself have been a victim of political conspiracies. God has helped me survive those times. I don't wish anyone bad, but I will answer brother Kumaraswamy in the Assembly," he said.

On the allegation that he is guiding Congress Vokkaliga leaders to attack Kumaraswamy on the issue, Shivakumar clarified that he has not resorted to any such tactics. "I don't have the need to cast unnecessary allegations against Kumaraswamy, directly or through proxies (Congress leaders). I am the president of a political party and I am busy with the elections. I am ready to pay the price if he can prove that I have a hand in this case. I don't want to talk about it now, time will answer his questions," he stated.

He said the SIT probing the sex scandal allegedly involving Revanna and his son Prajwal, will look into the purported video of the kidnapping victim, who has said she was not kidnapped by Revanna's men.



FAKE VIDEO PLAIN

Shivamogga Lok Sabha Independent candidate KS Eshwarappa and his son, KE Kanthesh, arrive at the Karnataka State Electoral Office in Bengaluru on Tuesday

KING OF FRUITS

Not for aam aadmi? Miyazaki mango sells for ₹10K/fruit

MALLIKARJUN HIREMATH
@ Dharwad

IMAGINE mangoes that sell for Rs 10,000 per fruit! One single specimen is on display at the Mango Mela here, and it is drawing huge crowds.

The state has only one tree of this mango variety, Miyazaki, claimed the farmer, Pramod Gaonkar, who has his

orchard at Kalkeri village in the district. He said he planted the sapling in 2012 and in the last few years, he has harvested quite a few mangoes, earning lakhs of rupees.

He told *TNIE* that when he came to know about the rare Miyazaki variety, he purchased a sapling

in Maharashtra and planted it at his orchard. Gaonkar, a mango trader since 1985 who also owns a few orchards, said,

"This variety is from Japan. There are no issues with the tree as it has adapted well to the local climate. The tree

gives a maximum of 14 fruits per season. Recently, a dozen mangoes were sold for around Rs 2.5 lakh. The price is high because it is a rare fruit that has health benefits."

He said, "I have sold the mangoes to a consumer in Koppal at Rs 10,000 per fruit. Only a few buyers are available in the state. It is rich in nutrition and has vitamin A, B and C.

The fruit is also good for the skin. I had not disclosed the price and availability of these mangoes as I was worried about my safety. I have displayed one fruit here to educate other growers."

The mango is rich purplish red and is also called sun egg because of its colour and texture. Each fruit weighs around 200-350 gm.



The Miyazaki mango on display | D HEMANTH

At a joint rally in Jhansi, I.N.D.I.A bloc leaders say BJP graph down after 4 rounds

Rahul, Akhilesh make promise: No Agniveer if INDIA voted to power

NAMITA BAIJPAI @Lucknow

CONGRESS leader Rahul Gandhi and Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday launched an attack on the BJP over the issues related to alleged threat to the Constitution, reservation to the poor, and Agniveer scheme.

Addressing a joint rally at Jhansi, Akhilesh focused on the "dwindling" fortunes of the BJP, and Rahul Gandhi continued his narrative to scrap Agniveer scheme and to "safeguard Constitution".

Gandhi said, "The election was to save the Constitution... Without it poor people of India won't belong anywhere. The day this (showing a miniature of Constitution) is gone, your land rights, reservation, public sector everything will be gone. I.N.D.I.A bloc, Akhilesh Yadav, Khargeji and I are protecting this Constitution..."

Assuring the gathering of their joint effort to give a better dispensation, Gandhi said: "There will be a revolutionary work, no government in the world has ever done it. They (BJP) are making 22 billionaires, we are going to make crores of millionaires. A woman's name will be selected from each family and ₹1 lakh per year will be transferred in bank accounts of crores of woman."

The Congress leader promised that the INDIA bloc would scrap the military recruitment

scheme, introduced by the BJP government, if voted to power. Gandhi asserted that the country did not need two kinds of martyrs. "One that gets pension, the other that does not. One whose families are taken care of, the other whose families are not."

He linked the military recruitment scheme to Adani saying that India's armed forces did not want the Agniveer scheme and that the PM had introduced the programme "to benefit Adani."

Claiming that the graph of BJP was coming down after four phases of voting, Akhilesh said people were preparing for the farewell of BJP from the country.

"Four phases of elections are over and BJP's graph is falling. The people of Jhansi are preparing for BJP's 'vidai ki jhan-ki' (farewell). Those who were talking about doubling farmers' incomes have given the farmers nothing but sufferings. Under their govt farmers are in trouble," Akhilesh said.

Reflecting on Congress' past initiatives, Yadav said, "When the Congress government was in power at centre and an SP government in UP, Rahul ji had said that we needed a Sainik School for Amethi. Then I said that one Sainik School will not be sufficient in UP, you will have to provide more. After this, Congress gave three military schools to the state."

Will waive farmers' loans: Akhilesh

Farmers' loans will be waived and MSP will be guaranteed, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav said on Tuesday while addressing an election meeting in Jalaun, where he sought votes for party candidate Narayan Das Ahirwar. He also attacked the BJP alleging it did nothing despite being in power for the past 10 years. "They did not give anything to the people of Bundelkhand, especially Orai, Jalaun and Kalpi," he said.



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav during a public meeting of INDIA bloc in Jalaun district on Tuesday | PTI

Rahul shares emotional video

As he seeks to retain the Rae Bareilly seat represented by his mother Sonia Gandhi for two decades, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday said he has an emotional family relationship with the people and will stand by both Amethi and Rae Bareilly. He shared an emotional video with his mother on social media, where he is seen watching family pictures in Amethi and Rae Bareilly and remembered their connect with the people there.

RAMASHANKAR @Patna

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Sachin Pilot

Gehlot-Pilot feud reignites — this time over campaign

RAJESH ASNANI @Jaipur

THE feud between two key leaders of Rajasthan Congress, former CM Ashok Gehlot and former state party chief Sachin Pilot, has again surfaced, this time over a controversy regarding campaign participation. The point of contention arose when Gehlot's son Vaibhav abstained from campaigning on Jalor-Sirahi Lok Sabha seat. Pilot recently claimed that he was not invited to campaign in Jalore, a statement refuted by Gehlot who called it "stupid."

During an interview in Amethi, Gehlot said, "This is an unnecessary issue blown out of proportion. Making such comments during polls serves no purpose. It was not a matter of not being invited; rather, I chose not to go. Such statements are uncalled for and must not have been made."

The controversy escalated after Pilot's interview, where he expressed his dissatisfaction with not being invited to cam-

Bone of contention

Gehlot played a pivotal role in facilitating RLP candidate Hanuman Beniwal's alliance with Congress. Sources say that Pilot and Datasara opposed Beniwal's alliance with Congress, but their efforts were thwarted by Gehlot. Due to this discord, both leaders of the Congress refrained from campaigning in Nagaur.

paign on Jalore-Sirohi seat. Pilot said, "The candidate who called me I have gone there. I am holding meetings wherever the party has ordered me. I have also said publicly that I will definitely go to campaign extensively. Because of that, I had also told Pukhraj Parashar ji, who looks after all the work in Jalore, that I want to come for campaigning... but due to some reason I have not been able to make it to the programme."

Gehlot retorted, "Priyanka Gandhi had visited there (Jalore-Sirohi). There would have been no problem if Pilot had come

along. Everyone would have welcome him." Gehlot further revealed that Anil Chopra, the Congress candidate from Jaipur Rural, had invited him for campaign, but due to scheduling conflicts, he couldn't attend. Gehlot said such matters should not be made into issues.

"One should never speak like this during elections. Candidates call leaders for campaigning based on their discretion. This should not become a contentious issue," Gehlot said. "I avoid making such statements during elections. If a candidate feels my presence may affect their caste equations, they won't call me. I don't see any reason to feel aggrieved about it."

The controversy extends beyond Jalore-Sirohi, as Pilot also abstained from campaigning for RLP candidate Hanuman Beniwal in Nagaur. Beniwal recently stated that the absence of Pilot and Congress state president Govind Datasara in Nagaur would not impact the election outcome.

Tejashwi smells irregularities during Munger election

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Patna district on an RJD ticket but crossed-voted in favor of the NDA government when Chief Minister Nitish Kumar was seeking a trust vote in the assembly on February 12 this year.

Without naming Anant, Tejashwi alleged, "It is really 'Jungle Raj' in Bihar. Our party's voters were not allowed to cast their votes, our party

candidate's vehicle was smashed, and our party leaders were assaulted by supporters of the Mokama musclem."

Targeting Nitish, the RJD leader said, "The Chief Minister had said that those who came to power in 2014 would have to leave it in 2024. Whatever he (Nitish) has taught us, we are engaged in that work. We are getting his full

cooperation and blessings."

Meanwhile, the RJD has also submitted a memorandum to Bihar's CEO, alleging that JD(U) supporters prevented voters from weaker sections from casting votes in a large number of booths in Munger.

State RJD spokesperson Chitranshu Gagan said that his party submitted a memorandum to the EC, protesting against the publication of newspaper advertisements with PM Narendra Modi allegedly requesting votes for BJP.

STRESS FACTOR?

'Student not late for exam'

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THE college administration stated that the student lived with his mother in a rented house, 4 km away from the campus. "His mother informed the college teachers that he left home around 7.30 am as his exam was to start at 8.30 am. But the incident happened around 10.30 am. There was no chance of the student reaching the college late for the exam," the college administration said, and added that he was doing well in his studies.

UN has called for a full probe

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KALE was going to the European Hospital in Rafah along with another DSS staffer on Monday when their vehicle was struck, officials said. The other person was seriously injured in the attack. The UN has called for a full investigation, while Israel has ordered a separate probe into the attack.

"The UN Secretary General is deeply saddened by the loss of Col Kale, working for the UN DSS in Gaza. Our deepest condolences are with the family during this difficult time. Another staff member was injured when their UN vehicle was struck," UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres's office said in a statement. In the Army, Kael had commanded the 11 Jammu & Kashmir Rifles and had been an instructor at the Infantry School in Mhow, MP.

Post-poll clash: Andhra on tenterhooks

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Tirupati/Guntur/Anantapur

POST-poll violence erupted in Tirupati, and the sensitive Palnadu region and Tadipatri of Sri Sathya Sai district keeping the police on tenterhooks. While alleged YSRC activists attacked the TDP contesting candidate in Tirupati prompting the gunman of the leader to open fire, supporters of the two parties pelted stones on each other in Tadipatri forcing police to resort to lathicharge and fire teargas to quell the mob.

In Tirupati, TDP candidate from Chandragiri Assembly constituency Puliparthi Nani was attacked allegedly by YSRC supporters on the premises of Sri Padmavati Mahila Viswa Vidyalayam.

According to eyewitnesses, the clash erupted after Nani was returning from inspecting the strong room located on the



TDP leaders protest in Tirupati city, following the attack on Chandragiri TDP contender Pulivarthi Nani. (Inset) A damaged car in the protest | EXPRESS

university campus and encountered a group of YSRC activists. What began as a verbal altercation swiftly escalated into physical violence, with the YSRC workers reportedly wielding hammers, beer bottles, and stones in the assault.

Nani's gunman Dharani fired

two warning shots into the air, dispersing the attackers. Simultaneously, a video featuring Nani's spouse, Sudha, detailing the attack and implicating YSRC activists and followers of YSRC MLA Chevreddy Bhaskar Reddy, circulated widely on social media platforms.

As the news spread, Nani's supporters gathered to protest against the unprovoked attack on their leader. The protest intensified as Nani's supporters occupied the university's main thoroughfare, impeding vehicular movement and the situation deteriorated as enraged demonstrators retaliated by vandalizing a car displaying YSRC flags and setting fire to several motorcycles nearby.

To quell the escalating violence, a force was dispatched to the area, who caned the unruly crowds. However, the TDP cadres resisted, retaliating against the police and vandalizing police vehicles, alleging bias towards Bhaskar Reddy.

District authorities, including Collector Pravin Kumar and Superintendent of Police Krishna Kant Patil, rushed to the scene to assure appropriate action against the perpetrators.

EXPRESS READ

POCSO case survivor found dead in Kerala

IDUKKI: Mystery shrouds the death of an 18-yr-old girl, who was found dead in Erattayar on Tuesday. The girl, who was a survivor in a POCSO case in 2022, was found with her father's belt tied around her neck on Tuesday. The girl was sexually abused as a minor, by her lover and his friend at her home when others were out. The accused are out on bail, but are not primary suspects since they are employed in a different city, said the police. The incident is expected to have taken place sometime at night. However, none of the family members were aware of it. Primary investigation suggests a suicide, but there is a possibility of murder, said an investigating officer. Investigation is on.

Russian held for trespassing high security port

Kochi: A 26-yr-old Russian was arrested for entering the high-security DP World-run International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT) at Vallarpadam, by scaling its boundary wall on Tuesday. The arrested person, Ilya Ekimov, told the police that he scaled the boundary wall looking for the Goshree bridges -- the three bridges that connect mainland Kochi with the islands of Bolgatty, Vallarpadam and Vypin -- on Google map. His visa had expired last year, and continued to stay here illegally. Mulavukad police registered a case against him under various IPC sections, and will be deported. ICTT is one of the key security sensitive areas where international ships arrive with containers regularly.

Wedded to activism, couple marry after 25 years of love

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Bengaluru

HAVING immersed themselves in people's movements, it took over 25 years for activists G Sudha and Mohan Kumar J to enter wedlock.

Both are 54. They finally tied the knot in a simple ceremony as per Kuvempu's "mantra mangalya" ritual at Amrutheshwara temple in Chikkamagaluru district on Sunday. They fulfilled the wishes of their aged mothers Jaya Bai, who was brought to the temple premises on a stretcher, and Shanthamma.

Mohan is a Brahmin and Sudha a Kshatriya Maratha. Mohan, who hails from Lakkenahalli in Gubbi taluk of Tumakuru district, met Sudha for the first time in 1995 at a workshop for volunteers of Sampoorna Saksharata Andolan at Ajjampur. He was impressed with Sudha's leadership qualities. Although he proposed to her then, she agreed to be his life partner only in 2002.

For them, several factors, including resistance from Mohan's family and a section of society, and their active involvement in people's movements resulted in the postponement of their wedding. However, their aged mothers insisted that they get married soon.

"I was impressed with Sudha's commitment towards empowering the poor," Mohan said. "We took part in several people's movements, which helped



Mohan Kumar J and G Sudha

strengthen our bond," Sudha said. When Mohan was with HAL for some time in the 90s, he used to write to me, expressing his deep concern for the poor and the downtrodden, she added.

In their love story, Sudha's friend Sunitha and Mohan's friend Harsha had a big role. Both have their roots in the Indian People's Theatre Association, which has the patronage of well-known film director MS Sathyu. They participated in the movements led by CPI leader BK Sundaresan in Chikkamagaluru.

Narrating her struggle for the rights of forest dwellers, Sudha said, "In one of the incidents, forest officials forced a cotton farmer and his wife, out of their land. We made them apologise to the couple."

She has helped many rural women set up self-help groups and encouraged them in the cooperative movement. Mohan and Sudha plan to adopt an orphan child. Sudha's father MS Ganesh Rao was a freedom fighter and her role model. Mohan's father and uncles donated part of their land to construct schools in their village.



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1) M/s.Absolute Built Concept Private Limited, Corporate office: Flat No. 23 & 24, Sunrise Layout, Yelahanchalli, Bengaluru-560062. Represented by its Directors, Mr. Manikonda Srinivas Kumar, Mr. Dadi Venkata Krishna Vara Prasad, Also Business Place at: No.1417, 12th Main Road, 23rd B Cross, 3rd Block, East Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560011. 2) Mr. Manikonda Srinivas Kumar S/o Mr.V Krishna Rao Corporate office: Flat No.1417, 12th Main Road, 23rd B Cross, 3rd Block, East Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560011. 3) Mr. Dadi Venkata Krishna Vara Prasad S/o Mr. Dadi Jagapati, Corporate office: Flat No. 23 & 24, Sunrise Layout, Yelahanchalli, Bengaluru -560062. Also Business Place at: No.1417, 12th Main Road, 23rd B Cross, 3rd Block, East Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560011. Mr. Dadi Venkata Krishna Vara Prasad S/o Mr.Dadi Jagapati, 6-3-347/13/102, Dwarakapuri Colony, Panjagutta, Erramanzil, Hyderabad, Telangana-500082. And Guarantor: 1) Mr. Manikonda Srinivas Kumar S/o V Krishna Rao Corporate office: Flat No. 23 & 24, Sunrise Layout, Yelahanchalli, Bengaluru -500062. Also Business Place at: No.1417, 12th Main Road, 23rd B Cross, 3rd Block, East Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560011. 2) Mr. Dadi Venkata Krishna Vara Prasad S/o Mr. Dadi Jagapati, Corporate office: Flat No. 23 & 24, Sunrise Layout, Yelahanchalli, Bengaluru-560062. Also Business Place at: No.1417, 12th Main Road, 23rd B Cross, 3rd Block, East Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560011. Mr. Dadi Venkata Krishna Vara Prasad S/o Mr. Dadi Jagapati 6-3-347/13/102, Dwarakapuri Colony, Panjagutta, Erramanzil, Hyderabad Telangana-500082. 3) Smt Manikonda Varalakshmi W/o Mr. Manikonda Srinivas Kumar Flat No.23 & 24, Sunrise Layout, Yelahanchalli, Bengaluru-560062.

Nature and type of facility	Limit (Rs.) In Lakhs	Rate of Interest	Ol/s on as 31.03.2024 (inclusive of interest up to)
Cash Credit	Rs. 300.00	13.50% pa at present	Rs. 2,56,57,902.27 (inclusive of interest up to 30.08.2023)
Working Capital Term Loan	Rs. 200.00	10.50% pa at present	Rs. 1,57,34,239.54 (inclusive of interest up to 30.08.2023)
Term Loan	Rs. 3.40	10.00% pa at present	Rs. 1,61,280.92 (inclusive of interest up to 30.08.2023)
Term Loan	Rs. 15.00	10.00% pa at present	Rs. 7,14,179.42 (inclusive of interest up to 30.08.2023)
Term Loan	Rs. 22.50	10.00% pa at present	Rs. 10,11,484.81 (inclusive of interest up to 30.08.2023)
Vehicle Loan	Rs. 10.60	10.60% pa at present	Rs. 81,866.43 (inclusive of interest up to 30.08.2023)
Vehicle Loan	Rs. 5.56	10.60% pa at present	Rs. 89,473.01 (inclusive of interest up to 30.08.2023)
Car Loan	Rs. 12.50	10.35% pa at present	Rs. 1,02,538.95 (inclusive of interest up to 30.08.2023)
BGECLS	Rs. 50.00	9.10% pa at present	Rs. 34,09,165.00 (inclusive of interest up to 24.08.2023)
Bank Guarantee	Rs. 200.00		

Amount Outstanding : Rs. 4,89,62,130.35 Paise (Rupees Four Crore Sixty Nine Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand One Hundred Thirty and Thirty Five Paise Only) as on 31.03.2024 plus Unapplied interest and other Charges.

NPA Date : 04.12.2023 Demand Date : 24.04.2024

Security agreement with brief description of securities: Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.22, CMC Khata No.323/290/45, BBMP Khatha No.344, BBMP Old Municipal Khata No.533/306/8/22/53/1/5, BBMP New Clubbed Municipal Khata No. 586/19/22/23/24/53/1/54/56/525, BBMP Old PID No.185- W0314-1 formed out of converted land bearing Sy No. 53/1, situated at Yelahanchalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru, in the Layout known as Sunrise Layout, measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 43 Feet, totally measuring 1,290 Square Feet, along with the building standing thereon and Bounded on : East by: Site No.23, West by: Private Property, North by: 30 Feet Road, South by: Site No.21.

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.23, CMC Khata No.323/290/45, BBMP Khata No.345/1/290/45/23, BBMP New Clubbed Municipal Khata No.586/19/22/23/24/53/1/54/56/525, BBMP Old PID No.185- W0314-3 formed out of converted land bearing Sy No. 53/1, situated at Yelahanchalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru, in the Layout known as Sunrise Layout, measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 43 Feet, totally measuring 1,290 Square Feet, along with the building standing thereon and Bounded on: East by: Site No.24, West by: Site No.22, North by: 30 Feet Road, South by: Site No.20.

Item No.3: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.24, CMC Khata No.323/290/45, BBMP Old Municipal Khata No.8823/24/53/1/54/56/525, BBMP New Clubbed Municipal Khata No. 586/19/22/23/24/53/1/54/56/525, formed out of converted land bearing Sy No. 53/1, situated at Yelahanchalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru, in the Layout known as Sunrise Layout, measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 43 Feet, totally measuring 1,290 Square Feet, along with the building standing thereon and Bounded on the: East by: Site No.25, West by: Site No.23, North by: Road, South by: Site No.19.

Item No.4: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.35, formed in Sy No 53/1, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District vide Conversion Order No.B.DIS.AL.N SR (S) 175/1988-89 dated 01.06.1991 at Pattanagere City Municipal Khata No.323/290/45 having present BBMP Khata No.640/345/53/1/622/575, situated at Yelahanchalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru, in the layout known as Sun Rise Layout, measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, along with the building standing thereon and bounded on the : East by: Site No.34, West by: Site No.36, North by: Site No.40, South by: Road.

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

Date : 14.05.2024 Sd/- Authorised Officer Bank of Baroda

Form No. INC-26

[Pursuant to rule 30 The Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014]

Advertisement to be published in the newspaper for change of registered office of the company from one state to another

Before the Regional Director (Ministry of Corporate Affairs)

South East Region, Telangana

In the matter of sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Companies Act, 2013 and clause (a) of sub-rule (5) of rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014

- AND -

In the matter of M/s Vitaliz Biosciences Private Limited having its registered office at No. 4, 5th Main Jayamahall Extension, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560046, ...Petitioner

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the company proposes to make application to the Central Government under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the memorandum of association of the company in terms of the special resolution passed at the extra ordinary general meeting held on 08th November, 2023 to enable the company to change its registered office from the "State of Karnataka" to the "State of Kerala."

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of objection to the Regional Director, South East Region 3rd Floor, Corporate Bhavan, Bandlaguda, Nagole, Tattinnaram Village, Hayat Nagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad - 500088, Telangana within **Fourteen days** from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below:

Address: No. 4, 5th Main Jayamahall Extension, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560046

For Vitaliz Biosciences Private Limited
Cherian Domanan Kollennamath
Director - DIN: 01259484

Bangalore
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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, **The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd**, the constructive/physical (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd**, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **06.06.2024**, for recovery of **Rs. 21,14,975.53 /- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Five and Paise Fifty Three only)** due to "The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd", Secured Creditor from (1) **Mr. Ajappa OA (Borrower)** S/o. Mr. Adhivappa Residing at 235/1, 4th Main, 5th Cross, K G Nagar, Gavipuram Extension, Bangalore-560 019 (2) **Mr. Kallesh O A (Guarantor)** S/o. Mr. Ajappa O A Residing at 235/1, 4th Main, 5th Cross, K G Nagar, Gavipuram Extension, Bangalore-560 019. The reserve price will be **Rs. 10,50,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Fifty Thousand only)** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs. 1,05,000/- (Rupees One Lakh and Five Thousand only)**.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Residential Vacant site No. 44, Katha No. 315, situated at Hulimangala village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District measuring East to West: 30 feet and North to South: 40 feet in all totally measuring 1200 Sq feet and bounded on: East By: 30 Feet Road, West By: Site No. 43, North By: 25 Feet Road and , South By: Site No. 37.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in our Bank's/ Secured Creditor's website i.e www.kvb.co.in/Property Under Auction also at the web portal BankAuctions.in/ForeclosureIndia.com of the service provider, M/s. A closure.

Statutory 15 Days' Notice under Rule 9(1) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002

The borrower/s and guarantor/s are hereby notified to pay the dues as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-Auction, failing which the Schedule property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date : 14.05.2024 Sd/- Authorized Officer
Place: Bangalore THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED



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DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property situated at No. 207/A, Rajarajeswari CMC, Khatha, No. 438/207-A, Ward No.185, Flat No.GF No. 004, Ground Floor, Bikasipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Vijaya Kleni, Bangalore-560061, bounded by: East: Open Area, West : Passage and Flat No. 001, North: Staircase Area, South : Flat No. 003.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged /charged to the secured creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the **Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore-I** will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on basis for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrowers. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below.

Name of Borrowers and Guarantors	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Description of Immovable Assets	Auction Date & Time	Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit [EMD] Date & Time	1) Incremental Value at Bid 2) A/c No. & IFSC
M/s Archangle Architectural Products Pvt Ltd No. 181, 3rd Floor, Kbar Road, Austin Town Road, Bengaluru Sri B S Gnanaprakash No. 91, 1st Stage, 4th Cross, Kumaraswamy Layout, Near Dayanadasagar Collage, Bengaluru - 560078 H S Geetha W/o B S Gnanaprakash No.91,1st Stage, 4th Cross, maraswamy Layout, Near Dayanadasagar Collage, Bengaluru - 560078	Rs. 3,91,14,609.58 (Rupees Three Crore Ninety One Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Six Hundred Nine and Paise Fifty Eight Only) as on 30.04.2024 plus further interest thereon from 01.05.2024 along with expenses, other charges, etc.	1. All the Part and Parcel of Vacant Residential Sites measuring 4000 Sqft bearing site no.61, Khata No. 1653/130/61 situated at Kenchanakuppe Gram Panchayat, Approved BMRDA Vide # BMRDA/ LAO/143/2005-06 DATED 19/10/2005, ABM Info City, Sy No. 20/5A & 20/6 Kallugopphalli Village, Bidadri Hobli, Ramanagar Taluk Bangalore Rural in the name of M. Gnanaprakash B S. 2. All the part and parcel of vacant residential sites measuring 2400 sqft bearing site no. 455, Khata #2047/130455, Kenchanakuppe Gram Panchayat approved by BMRDA vide #BMRDA/LAO/143/2005-06 dated 29/10/2015 'ABM City' Sy No. 20/4, Kallugopphalli Village, Bidadri Hobli, Ramanagar Taluk, Bangalore Rural in the name of Gnanaprakash B S	05.06.2024 Time 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m	Property 1: Reserve Price: 72.00 Lakhs EMD: 209272434 IFSC : CNRB0006298 Property 2: Reserve Price: 45.60 Lakhs EMD: 4.56 Lakhs before 03.06.2024 up to 3.00 pm.	1) Multiples of Rs. 1,00,000/- 2) A/c No. 209272434 IFSC : CNRB0006298 Encumbrance (s): Not known to Bank
Ms. Aishwaryagiri Constructions Pvt Ltd No.14, Unit No F-2, 2nd Floor, 10th Cross, 4th Main Rd, Mc Layout, Bengaluru-560040 Also At : M/s. Aishwaryagiri Constructions Pvt Ltd, No.236, EWS, 2nd Stage, 2nd Main, 5th Cross, kbb Colony, Basaveshwaramagar, Bangalore-560079 G. Jayaramiah S/o Giryappa No.236, 5th Cross, 2nd Stage 2nd Main, K.H.B. Colony, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bengaluru-560079 Mr. shivakumar S/o Giryappa No.236, 5th Cross, 2nd Stage 2nd Main, K.H.B. Colony, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bengaluru-560079 Also At : Mr. shivakumar, S/o Giryappa No.147, 4th Cross, Jothisnagar, Chandra Layout Bangalore - 560072.	Rs. 47,37,18,242.96 (Rupees Forty Seven Crore Thirty Seven Lakhs Eighteen Thousand Two hundred Forty Two and Paise Ninety Six only) as on 30.04.2024 plus further interest thereon from 01.05.2024 along with expenses, other charges, etc.	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property (land & building) bearing Municipal no.101, New PID no.165-W0115-19 / Old PID no.56-107-101) Yellappa Garden, Katriguppa, Ganesh Mandir Bangalore earlier Municipal no.101 (still earlier House list no.143, Site no.5) and 100/A carved out of asst. no. 17 of Katriguppa village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 55 feet in total 3300 Sqft with building and bounded as follows East by: Road West by: Private Property North by: Private Property South by: Property no.100	30.05.2024 Time 10.30 A.M to 11.00 am	Reserve Price: 6,92,00,000/- EMD: 69,20,000/- Lakhs before 27.05.2024 up to 3.00 pm.	1) Multiples of Rs. 20,000/- 2) A/c No. 209272434 IFSC : CNRB0006298 Encumbrance (s): Not known to Bank
M/s. J K S Silk Industry Kadahalalli Village, Kanakapura Taluk, Kanakapura, Kamataka - 562117. Mrs. Jaya Sheela W/o B Kumar Kadahalalli Post, Santanur Hobli, Kanakapura, Kamataka - 562117.	Rs. 1,30,21,068.24 (Rupees One Crore Thirty Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Sixty Eight and Paise Twenty Four only) as on 30.04.2024 plus further interest thereon from 01.05.2024 along with expenses, other charges, etc.	All that piece and parcel of property bearing No.381, situated at Kadahalalli Grama Panchayath, Santanur Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagar District, Presently property No.152900200500220049 (vide Form No.9), assuring East to West 45.72 meters and North to South 176.78 meters, totally measuring 8082.56 square meters and bounded on : East by Road West by Property of Betaiah North by Property of Devarajai and Chandregowda South by Property of Betaiah	30.05.2024 Time 12.30 p.m. to 1.00 p.m	Reserve Price: Rs.95.60 Lakhs EMD: Rs.9.56 Lakhs before 27.05.2024 up to 3.00 pm.	1) Multiples of Rs. 2,00,000/- 2) A/c No. 209272434 IFSC : CNRB0006298 Encumbrance (s): Not known to Bank
M/s. Kalpatru, No.138, 2nd Floor, Jaya Building, Mamulpet, Bangalore 560053. 2. Sri. Uttamchand Jain, Partner, No. 43/1, 2nd Floor, Cottonpet Cross, Sm Lane, Aikpet, Bangalore 560053. 3. Sri. Madanlal M Lalan, Partner, No.15, 1st Floor, Mohan Kheeda Apartment', Binny Mill Road, Bangalore 560053.	Rs. 3,76,64,290/- (Rupees Three crore seventy six lakhs sixty four thousand two hundred ninety only) as on 30.11.2023 plus further interest thereon from 01.12.2023 and other expenses due to Canara Bank from M/s.Kalpatru & others.	Item no.1: All that part and parcel of property bearing internal no. FT-3 & 4, 4th floor of the building 'Pooja Avenue' bearing BBMP No.48/33 & 48/34, PID no. 30-2-48/33 & PID no. 30-2-48/34, Old Tharagupet Road, Ward no.102, Mamulpet, Bangalore 560053 together built-up area 642.21 SR (612.63 SR+29.58 SR)with undivided share of 133.89 sq.ft (127.53 SR+6.16 SR) in the land and bounded as below : Ft.3, 4th Floor East by Property of G K Puttaswamaiah, West by Property of Dada & Company, North by Old Tharagupet and South by Old Painoolpet Road. Ft.4, 4th Floor East by Common Passage of Pooja Avenue Complex, West by Staircase Area, North by Staircase Area and South by Staircase Area. Item no.2: All that piece and parcel of property at No.4, Municipal no.29/8, PID no.29-17-29/8 on the 4th floor of the building 'Kalpatru Classic' measuring about 1206.33 sq.ft. of super built up area with one covered car parking space in the still area together with 266.59 sq.ft. undivided share of right, title and interest in land comprised in Municipal no.29, PID no.29-17-29, Ganigara Pillanna lane, Cottonpet, Bangalore 560053 & bounded on the East by Mevinanarada Appanna, West by Property of Rangadasappa & Kamakka, North by Property of Ilandamma, Maragasamma & Manikya Mudaliar and South by Ganigara Pillanna Lane.	05/06/2024 10.30 A.M to 11.30 A.M	Item no. 1: Reserve Price: Rs. 70.85 Lakhs EMD: Rs. 7,08,500/- Lakhs before 03.06.2024 at 3.00pm.	1) Multiples of Rs. 2,00,000/- 2) A/c No. 209272434 IFSC : CNRB0006298 Encumbrance (s): Not known to Bank
Mr. Kumar K, S/o. Krishnappa, No.8 Srinathur, 1st Main 1st Cross, 1st Floor, Byatarayanapura, M Viveshwaraihal Layout, Bangalore -560092 And also at Mr. Kumar K, S/o. Krishnappa Begur village & Post, Sublebele Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore - 562122 And also at Mr. Kumar K, S/o. Krishnappa Shobha Residency, II Floor,12th A Cross,Tindlu, Virupachapur, Bangalore - 97 Mr. Mariyappa, S/o.Muniyappa Belepara Layout, Belepara Village, Channarayana Hobli, Reddihalli Post Devanahalli Taluk, Kamataka - 562 110 Mrs. Munithayamma, W/o. Mr. Mariyappa, Belepara Layout, Belepara Village, Channarayana Hobli, Reddihalli Post Devanahalli Taluk, Kamataka - 562 110	Rs. 38,654,376.33 (Rupees Three Crore Eighty Six Lakhs Forty Five Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Six and Paise Thirty Three only) as on 30.04.2024 plus further interest thereon from 01.05.2024 along with expenses, other charges, etc.	Primary: All that piece and parcel of the vacant site bearing No.160, carved out of Lands in Sy No. 62, situated at Balepara village, Channarayana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet in all 2400sqft, and Bounded by: East by Site No.159 West by Road North by Site No.126 South by Road	30.05.2024 Time 1.00 p.m. to 1.30 p.m	Reserve Price: Rs. 41.00 Lakhs EMD: Rs.4.10 Lakhs before 27.05.2024 up to 3.00 pm	1) Multiples of Rs. 100,000/- 2) A/c No. 209272434 IFSC : CNRB0006298 Encumbrance (s): Not known to Bank
M/s. S R Industries rep. by Sri. Uttam Chand, No.16/A, Kumbalagodu Industrial Area, 2nd Phase, Gerapalaya, Big Banyan Tree Road, Bangalore 560074. 2. Smt. Anju Devi <					

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WORRISOME RISE IN FOOD INFLATION, AND IT MAY GET WORSE

THE good news is that retail inflation has marginally eased for the second month in a row to 4.83 percent in April. The fall was mainly driven by lower fuel prices. The bad news from the government data is that food inflation shot up to 8.70 percent in April, compared to 8.52 percent in March. This was pushed by a sharp price rise in a wide spectrum of food items—cereals (8.63 percent), fruits (5.22 percent), oils (9.43 percent), and meat and fish (8.17 percent). For the common man, the heaviest burden is the persistent rise in the price of vegetables and pulses at 27.8 percent and 16.8 percent, respectively.

Food inflation, which hits the poor harder, has been at more than 8 percent year-on-year since November 2023. The data also showed that consumer inflation for rural households was higher at 5.43 percent, compared to 4.11 percent for urban consumers. For the government as well as for economists and planners, the real worry is that food inflation will probably get worse before it gets better. The continuing heat wave is expected to hit vegetable supplies further, possibly pushing up prices in May too; and the high prices in cereals and pulses will likely continue till the next crop comes in.

Overall, the retail inflation rate has been under control. The Reserve Bank, too, expects the downward curve to help reach an average of 4.5 percent this year from the 5.4 percent clocked in 2023-24. However, the RBI is holding its key lending rate steady at 6.5 percent for the seventh straight quarter, as it wants inflation to fall to a more durable 4.0 percent. In an otherwise improving scenario, food inflation continues to be a worry. Not only do food items account for almost half the basket that makes up the consumer price index, they also have a direct bearing on the living standards of people. The government has tried to control their prices, but has largely failed. Onion exports were banned to ensure easier supplies and prices, but then it was reversed earlier this month with an eye on the elections. Some factors such as extreme weather conditions that hit production cannot be controlled. But man-made factors like rising fertiliser and other input costs can be kept in check to keep inflation down.

KARNATAKA NEEDS TO IMPROVE ITS SCHOOLS

THIS year, Karnataka's SSLC (Secondary School Leaving Certificate) students have posted a dismal performance with a pass percentage of 73.4 percent. This is lower than the performance in the past few years, not discounting the Covid factor: 83.89 percent in 2022-23, 85.13 percent in 2021-22 and 99.99 percent in 2020-21. What makes the picture more dreary is that the actual pass percentage was 54 percent, prompting the education department to reduce the qualifying mark to 25 percent from 35 percent. Grace marks were given to over 2 lakh failing students to push up the pass percentage; last year too, marks were added to push through 59,000 students. None of the students from 78 schools passed; the number was 34 last year. Yet, there are some inspiring stories, like a Bagalkote farmer's daughter topping with 100 percent.

A comparison with other education boards brings out the starkness. ICSE students posted an impressive 99.8 percent pass percentage and CBSE students clocked 93.6 percent without grace marks. State board schools in Kerala posted a pass share of 99.69 percent, Tamil Nadu 91.55 percent, Telangana 91.31 percent, Andhra Pradesh 86.69 percent and Delhi schools posted 96.99 percent, though these numbers are to be taken with a pinch of salt, as state boards are more prone to indulge in grade inflation.

What ails Karnataka, which is ahead of many other states on other social development indices? Lowering the bar to dress up statistics may help the students now, but not when they face tough professional exams. The education department is only deluding itself and the students. A committee that assessed the decline in academic performance zeroed in on the lack of effective guidelines and a casual attitude towards quality. While strict rules are imposed on private schools, there are few for public ones. The panel has recommended a strong learning foundation for pre-primary students.

The government must set up a robust system of good, affordable schools. This Karnataka government came to power on the formula of five guarantees. While its cash handouts and free travel for women, and free power have proved to be a hit, the government has failed to do anything substantial for the education sector. It should now add free and good education to its guarantees, which is bound to deliver dividends in the future.

QUICK TAKE

ONE DEATH TOO MANY

FROM the beginning of its carnage in Gaza, Israel has questioned the number of dead Palestinians published by the Gaza health authority. The UN and all international relief agencies accept the numbers, as they have been found credible in the past. But now that there has been a revision, Israel again wants to tar the whole effort. The UN has explained it's not a reduction in the total, just a difference between bodies found and those conclusively identified—24,686 confirmed identities among about 35,000 dead. The tally will be needed for future administrative action. But for now, let's agree that the death of even one civilian is one too many.

PERIODIC polls are the lifeline of vibrant democracies and an occasion for slugfests between those in power and the opposition. It's a no-holds-barred war of words between the two sides. Impossible promises to the electorate and wild allegations against opponents are routine.

In this mad race for power, facts are twisted, arguments are turned upside down, and lies are concocted to spin helpful narratives—usually in acerbic tones—either to expand one's support base or to demonise opponents. The ongoing 18th Lok Sabha election is no exception. The public discourse at present is reeking of toxicity, which is typical of Indian elections.

The incumbent Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, seeking a third term, started his campaign by building on his achievements in the last decade and promising a bright future for India. He shared his dream to fully develop the country by 2047, the hundredth year of its independence.

PM Modi has a lot to showcase and claim credit for. Arraigned against him is a rainbow coalition of 26 parties—including the Congress, Leftists, DMK, TMC, SP and RJD—bearing the moniker INDI Alliance. These parties have little in common. They have often used the choicest of expletives against each other in the not-too-distant past. In many states, they are at each other's throats, even after the formation of the alliance.

The glue that holds the disparate opposition together is their visceral hate for Modi and his vision of India. The INDI Alliance parties had been considering drafting a common programme and holding joint rallies. However, they have failed to do both so far, thanks to their sharp differences on various issues and clash of interests.

Among Modi's notable achievements are a slew of welfare schemes that have changed the lives of millions of Indians for the better, the restoration of normalcy in strife-torn Jammu & Kashmir following the abolition of Articles 370 & 35A, the development of a Covid vaccine and its successful administration across India, and a massive impetus to the economy—pushing it to within touching distance of the third slot in the global ranking, from the tenth in 2014.

The revamp of Kashi Vishwanath at Varanasi and the reconstruction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya are significant steps in India's quest to rediscover itself and reclaim its spiritual past. India's unprecedented progress in development parameters and rediscovery of its cultural

The INDIA bloc seems glued together only by the parties' opposition to the BJP. Will the rich-poor binary work for them in 2024?

BEYOND THE BLUSTER OF WILD POLL PROMISES

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roots may appear unrelated at the surface; still, they are part of a single phenomenon—the country's spiritual renaissance.

Rampant corruption, especially among politicians and senior bureaucrats seeping to the lowest rungs of officialdom, has corroded independent India's administrative set-up for long and wrecked successive governments' development plans. Even the best schemes, made with the noblest intentions, came to naught. The then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi estimated that out of the funds allocated, only 15 percent reached the target group, and 85 percent was stolen on the way.

Modi stopped it. It was a singular achievement because none of his predecessors could do so. He was innovative, used technology and disbursed money

through direct transfers to the bank accounts of millions of beneficiaries. A class of local leaders who doubled as dalals and siphoned off the public funds easily was decimated. More important, there wasn't any discrimination, against or for; any creed, caste or gender in the distribution of these freebies.

As a part of their strategy, his detractors (read opposition parties), however, have largely side-stepped the developmental issues. Muslims, who constitute about 15 percent of the electorate, have been repeatedly told that Modi, if voted again to office, would disenfranchise them and reduce them to third-class citizens. Modi is also being painted as an authoritarian out to squash dissent, snuff democracy, upturn the Constitution, and do away with

WEATHER DERIVATIVES: A NEW DAWN IN RISK MANAGEMENT

THE allure of weather derivatives—financial instruments that allow businesses to hedge against the whims of Mother Nature—is undeniable. They are tradable instruments that usually employ observed weather data to create an index on which a pay-out is based. Weather phenomena such as precipitation, tempests, cyclones and tsunamis pose significant risks to businesses, with one estimate suggesting more than 80 percent of business activities in the world are weather-dependent. These instruments offer a way to manage uncertainties. With the increasing unpredictability of weather patterns due to climate change, the demand for financial instruments to manage weather-related risks is only likely to grow.

With the Indian economy being largely agrarian, the agricultural sector and industries such as tourism, travel and energy have always been at the mercy of weather. The recent notification of the finance ministry allowing derivatives trading in weather marks a significant milestone in India's financial landscape. But the success of this initiative hinges on effective regulation of weather derivatives trading.

Derivatives are contracts between parties that hold a monetary value based upon the value of an underlying asset like equities, currency and other financial assets, or commodities. In India, a derivative contract that has a commodity or good notified by the central government as its underlying asset is known as a 'commodity derivatives' contract. These commodities, notified from time to time by the central government under the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956, may include goods such as cereals and pulses, oil, spices, fruits and vegetables. These may also include certain notified activities, services, rights, interests and events, including weather derivatives.

The underlying asset in weather derivatives is meteorological parameters such as temperature, rainfall and drought. The value is defined by a predetermined weather index that varies according to the location and source of data. Unlike traditional financial derivatives, the underlying asset in weather derivatives does not possess any inherent value or marketability. Weather derivatives are considered an 'incomplete market' for this reason, which may lead to confusion when using the term 'derivative' to refer to them. The execution



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of the transaction is limited to cash settlements between the involved parties, which entails one party remitting the difference between the 'strike' value, which represents the agreed level of the weather parameter or index, and the 'spot' price, which represents the registered index throughout the duration of the contract.

Over-the-counter trading in weather de-



Weather derivatives can be used by farmers to mitigate the risks of suboptimal harvests resulting from inadequate or excessive rainfall, storms or temperature fluctuations. Even non-agricultural industries can benefit from these instruments

ria. These modifications will signify a substantial change in the regulatory structure that governs financial markets in the areas of derivatives and commodity trading. The government aims to improve market liquidity, expand hedging alternatives, and encourage involvement of the agricultural and industrial sectors in commodity markets by expanding the definition of tradable commodities and derivatives.

Weather derivatives will be of utmost significance to an agrarian economy like ours. They can be employed by farmers as a means of mitigating the risks associated with suboptimal harvests resulting from inadequate or excessive rainfall, strong winds or fluctuations in temperature. A study conducted between 1998 and 2006 on the use of weather derivatives in the wine industry in Italy showed the average payoff for the period with hedge is above the average of the payoff with no hedge. Even non-agricultural industries would benefit from this. For instance, a software company that has had to face hassles from yearly flooding may opt to purchase a rainfall day index, the value of which would appreciate in case of excessive rainfall.

The successful implementation of allowing trading in weather derivatives requires a robust regulatory framework, adequate market infrastructure and increased awareness among potential users, especially at grassroots levels. The SEBI, which is yet to come out with regulations for the trading of weather derivatives, has a crucial role to play in ensuring the smooth functioning of this new market. It needs to put in place stringent regulations to prevent market manipulation and ensure transparency. Potential users of weather derivatives need to be educated about the benefits and risks associated with these instruments. This could be achieved through workshops, seminars and training programmes. Nonetheless, the decision to allow trading in weather derivatives is a step in the right direction.

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reservations for various vulnerable sections of the society—in vogue since the birth of the republic.

There is absolutely no evidence that sustains these allegations. There isn't even a remote hint in any of the BJP documents—manifesto, party resolutions—or the statements of its top leaders suggesting any such move.

The BJP's manifesto celebrates India's "civilisational values, thought, wisdom and traditional knowledge", and seeks to craft policies to further India's "national interests with the spirit of Vishwa Bandhu and a Bharat First attitude". For the BJP, the last decade has witnessed the transformation of India from one of the 'fragile five' to one of the top five economies of the world.

The crux of Rahul Gandhi and Congress's electoral campaign, however, is identity politics—seeking to divide the country on the basis of caste—something the party had abhorred in the past.

In a letter to chief ministers dated June 27, 1961, Jawaharlal Nehru observed, "If we go in for reservations on communal and caste basis, we swamp the bright and able people and remain second-rate or third-rate. I am grieved to learn how far this business of reservation has gone based on communal considerations. It has amazed me to learn that even promotions are based sometimes on communal or caste considerations. This way lies not only folly, but disaster. Let us help the backward groups by all means, but never at the cost of efficiency. How are we going to build the public sector or indeed any sector with second-rate people?"

But to meet the exigencies of political ambitions, party policies in vogue for long can be buried fathoms deep. The Congress manifesto and statements made by Rahul Gandhi also indirectly speak about the redistribution of national wealth among various sections of society—scheduled castes, tribes, backward classes—on the basis of their share in the national population. The plans for evaluation and distribution are lacking in detail.

It appears that Rahul is on some sort of a nostalgic excursion, romanticising a bygone era when his grandmother Indira Gandhi successfully sailed to power on the 'Garibi hatao' (eradicate poverty) promise. The result of her policies was disastrous for the country. Most of the commodities of daily use were either in short supply or available in the black market. Will the rich-poor binary, which yielded results in the 1970s, work in 2024? Looks difficult.

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Education needed

Ref: *Incentivise parents to keep girls in school, avoid child marriages* (May 14). More than 40 percent of the world's marriages before the age of 18 take place in India. Though it is a human rights violation and against the country's law, the practice remains widespread. Education should be developed in all areas, especially in rural areas.
VKS Krishnan, Kumbakonam

Not IPL

Ref: *India will need Rohit, Hardik to flourish* (May 14). Many reports suggest that all is not well between Team India captain Rohit Sharma and vice-captain Hardik Pandya. If the reports are true, they need to iron out the differences. Franchise cricket is different, but representing India assumes more significance. Both need to fire on all cylinders if India are to do well in the T20 World Cup.
S Sankaranarayanan, Chennai

Electoral participation

Ref: *Highest Srinagar voter turnout in decades; better 4th phase voting* (May 14). It was heartening that Srinagar recorded 37.98 percent voter turnout in the 4th phase of polling, up from 14.43 percent in 2019. That Jammu and Kashmir enthusiastically took part in the Indian electoral process emphasises the troubled state's allegiance to India.
George Jacob, Kochi

Chinese corridor

Ref: *Won't take long for PoK to integrate with India: EAM* (May 14). Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, a bone of contention between Pakistan and India, is partly occupied by China now; massive infrastructure has already come up for the Sino-Pak Economic Corridor in Saksam valley. Authorities will have to snatch the area back from not just Pakistan, but China as well.
PH Hema Sagar, Secunderabad

Billboard atrocity

The horrifying accident of a billboard falling in Mumbai, resulting in so many deaths, is heart-wrenching. While the permissible size for billboards is 40x40 feet, the collapsed one was 120x120 feet. How did it escape the notice of authorities? Exemplary punitive action must be taken against the people responsible.
Mohankunnakat, Vaniankulam

Political hypocrisy

The main subject of this election seems to be leaders accusing each other of caste and religious biases. All of them say they don't believe in caste and request votes on merit. But when it comes to candidate selection, it is purely based on their caste and religion. It is high time this is stopped.
Arun Maharat, Kochi

Hoarding owner booked, toll 14

Mumbai's Illegal billboard couldn't be removed due to a 'dispute' between BMC, Rly Police

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

A day after the collapse of an illegal hoarding on a petrol pump claimed 14 lives in Mumbai's Ghatkopar, it now appears the giant billboard (120x120 sq ft) was erected amid a dispute between the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation and the railway police over who has the authority to demolish it.

On the other hand, the police on Tuesday booked Bhavesh Bhide, whose company Ego Media erected the billboard, for culpable homicide not amounting to murder. Bhide has over 20 police cases against him, including rape. Police officials said Bhide is on the run and his cellphone is switched off.

The advertising agency owner had also contested the state election as an independent candidate from the Mulund constituency in 2009 and, in his affidavit, he had said that there are 23 cases registered against him under the Mumbai Municipal Corporation Act and the Negotiable Instruments Act (for bounced cheques).

In January, a case of rape was registered against him at the Mulund police station and a chargesheet was filed.



Fire brigade personnel clear the site of the hoarding collapse in Mumbai | PTI

"About the Monday incident, a case has been registered. We have also directed all civic officials to remove all hoardings in their respective wards which have been erected without BMC's permission or which are dangerous, immediately," said municipal commissioner Bhushan Gagrani.

The incident occurred at the Police Ground petrol filling station along the Eastern Express Highway in Pantnagar due to a dust storm.

As per a BMC note, Ego Media erected the hoarding, which

the local police had allowed. "The BMC allows hoardings of the size of 40x40 sq ft. However, the size of the illegal hoarding was 120x120 sq ft. On the complaint of a local citizen, the BMC wanted the illegal hoarding removed," said the BMC.

An Assistant Police Commissioner (Admin) had given permission to erect 4 hoardings on behalf of the Commissioner of Railway Police, Mumbai, including the one that collapsed, but no official permission was obtained from the BMC, as per a civic official.

Many cases against billboard owner

The owner of the company allegedly involved in the setting up of the billboard, Bhavesh Bhide, had also contested the state election as an independent from the Mulund constituency in 2009 and, in his affidavit, he had said that there are 23 cases registered against him under the Mumbai Municipal Corporation Act and the Negotiable Instruments Act (for bounced cheques). In January, a case of rape was registered against him at the Mulund police station and a chargesheet was filed.

BJP leader Kirit Somaiya asked how the permission for erecting the billboard was given by a police officer when the city civic body is the authority for it.

Meanwhile, National Disaster Response Force teams used two cranes weighing 500 tonnes each to pull up the hoarding from both sides. After creating a gap of about 3.5 to 4 feet, the rescuers crouched into the tiny space to look for people trapped underneath, NDRF assistant commandant Nikhil Mudholkar said.

BRO makes breakthrough at 200km strategic Poonch link

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE process to develop a pivotal infrastructure project on National Highway 144A connecting Akhnor to Poonch on Tuesday reached a significant milestone following the breakthrough ceremony for the Sunag tunnel reviewed by Director General BRO Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan.

The Akhnor-Poonch stretch is a part of the 'Golden Arc' and comprises an old and highly strategic 200 km stretch that links South Kashmir-Jammu region to the west of Jammu Kashmir. It also connects important border districts of Akhnor, Rajouri and Poonch. There are four major tunnels along this stretch -Kandi, Sungal, Naushera and Bhimber Gali tunnels, said Lt Col Suneel Bartwal, Defence PRO Jammu.

The tunnel which is being constructed by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) spans an impressive 2790 meters (2.79km) and is a crucial link between Akhnor and Poonch.

A breakthrough in tunnel



construction is an important development in the timeline of the passage being built from both ends. When both ends meet, it signifies the correct alignment of the tunnel. The BRO, raised in 1960, is mandated to construct and maintain strategic roads.

Once ready, this project will enhance regional connectivity and facilitate smoother transportation along the national highway.

In his address, DG BRO Lt

Gen Raghu Srinivasan said the BRO is spearheading crucial road projects to connect remote areas with major centres in the Jammu-Poonch region. "This link is on track for completion in the next few years," he said.

When asked about defence infrastructure along Line of Control with Pakistan, DGBR said that it is a continuous process. "The BRO is committed to strengthening the infrastructure by building and upgrading strategic roads along the International Border, LoC) and LAC with China.

It was on January 8 that the breakthrough of Naushera tunnel was achieved, signifying the efforts of BRO towards providing connectivity across Rajouri and Poonch. The project is expected to be completed by 2026.

"The BRO is steadfast in its commitment to create, connect, care and save lives of the citizens of its area of responsibility. It believes in the adage "roads build nation" and rededicated itself to the construction of border roads infrastructures to spur socio-economic progress," said Bartwal.

'Separatist agenda': MHA extends ban on LTTE under UAPA for 5 years

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

THE Ministry of Home Affairs on Tuesday issued a notification extending the ban imposed on the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) by five years accusing it of fostering a separatist tendency among the masses and enhancing the support base for it in India, particularly in Tamil Nadu, besides threatening the territorial integrity of the country.

In the notification, a copy of which is with this newspaper, the MHA said it has imposed the ban invoking the sub-sections (1) and (3) of section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act - UAPA- 1967.

The MHA noted that the LTTE is an association based in Sri Lanka but has supporters and agents within the territory of India and the Centre is of the opinion that the outfit "is still indulging in activities which are prejudicial to the integrity and security of the country".

The MHA said that even after its military defeat in 2009 in Sri Lanka following the killing of its chief Velupillai Prabhakara-

MHA issues alert against cyber criminals

The MHA has issued an alert against incidents of intimidation, blackmail, extortion and digital arrest by cyber criminals impersonating law enforcement agencies such as the ED, the CBI, the NCB and the RBI and also the police forces of the state and the Union Territories.

ran, the LTTE has not abandoned the concept of 'Eelam' (an independent country for Tamils) and has been working towards it through fund raising and propaganda activities.

The remnant LTTE leaders have also initiated efforts to regroup the scattered activists and resurrect the outfit locally and internationally, it added.

It added that the group's objective for a separate homeland for all Tamils threatens the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country, and amounts to secession and secession of a part of the territory of India from the Union and thus falls within the ambit of unlawful activities.

Bail to Navlakha as SC stays HC order in Bhima Koregaon case

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Tuesday granted bail to human rights activist and journalist Gautam Navlakha in the 2018 Bhima Koregaon violence case, refusing to extend the stay imposed by the Bombay High Court order on his bail.

Navlakha was under house arrest at a public library in Mumbai since November 2022 due to his ill health.

A bench of Justices MM Sundresh and SVN Bhatti refused to extend the stay imposed by the Bombay High Court order on the bail granted to Navlakha in the case.

It also directed Navlakha to pay ₹20 lakh towards expenses for security in house arrest.

The Bombay HC had granted bail to Navlakha in December last year but stayed its order for three weeks after the NIA sought time to file an appeal in the apex court. The stay was subsequently extended till further order. Meanwhile, the NIA moved the top court by filing an appeal against the HC order.

Granting bail, the SC said the appellant (Navlakha) has been in incarceration for more than four years and charges are yet to be framed. "The trial would take years and years and years for its completion," the bench said.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Sandeshkhali: Plea to check clip's veracity

A plea has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking a probe by a SIT to find out the veracity of the video of a sting operation relating to the Sandeshkhali incident on rape and sexual assault of women. As per the SC's registry and staff, the plea would likely come up for a hearing after summer vacation in the top court.

SC no to ban on PM from elections

The Supreme Court refused to entertain a plea seeking to bar Prime Minister Narendra Modi from elections for allegedly making hate speeches and violating the Model Code of Conduct during campaigning. The bench asked the petitioner to approach the authorities concerned for the redressal of the grievance.

The SC said that its interim order, granting Navlakha house arrest, need not be extended. "Without going at the length into contentions, we are not inclined to extend the stay," said the bench. Agreeing with Navlakha's plea seeking to be released on bail, the bench said, "Prima facie we are of the view that there is no need for extend the interim order of stay. He is allowed to be released on bail."

The apex court passed the order after hearing the NIA's appeal. Navlakha was arrested in 2020 by the NIA for his alleged role in the 2018 Bhima Koregaon case.

He had moved the top court requesting that he be placed

under house arrest instead of judicial custody in Talaja jail, Maharashtra. The NIA arrested Navlakha under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) in April 2020 for an alleged conspiracy to topple the government.

The investigation agency claimed that the case relates to alleged inflammatory speeches made at the Elgar Parishad conclave held in Pune on December 31, 2017, which police said triggered violence the next day near the Koregaon-Bhima war memorial on the outskirts of the Maharashtra city.

Sixteen activists accused have been arrested in the case and five of them are currently out on bail.

Lawyers cannot be sued for poor service, rules SC

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Tuesday held that the legal profession did not come within the purview of Consumer Protection Act, 1986, ruling that the advocates cannot be sued in consumer courts for poor service.

A two-judge bench of the top court, comprising Justice Bela M Trivedi and Justice Pankaj Mithal, pronounced the verdict while setting aside a decision of the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission.

The SC said the legal representation for a fee cannot be classified as a "service" under the CPA.

The top court passed the order after hearing a case involving Bar of Indian Lawyers against DK Gandhi of National Institute of Communicable Diseases and other parties.

"All of these attributes strengthen our opinion that the services hired or availed of an Advocate would be that of a contract of personal service and would therefore stand ex-

cluded from the definition of service contained in the section 2(42) of the CP Act, 2019," the court said. It went on to add in its order that as a necessary corollary, a complaint alleging "deficiency in service" against advocates practising legal profession would not be maintainable under the CP Act.

While noting that a considerable amount of direct control is exercised by the client over the manner in which an advocate renders his services during the course of his employment, the court said, the legal profession is sui generis i.e. unique in nature and cannot be compared with any other profession.

The top court also said the very purpose and object of the CP Act, as re-enacted in 2019, was to provide protection to the consumers from unfair trade practices and unethical business practices, and the Legislature never intended to include either the Professions or the services rendered by the Professionals within the purview of the Act.

'Govt passed the buck to U'khand on Patanjali ads'

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

IT wasn't just the Uttarakhand authorities, the Ayush Ministry, and the Health Ministry that failed to take any action against Yoga Guru Ramdev's Patanjali Ayurved for repeatedly violating an act dealing with misleading advertisements of Ayush products, but also the Consumer Protection Authority, which, despite having more powers, merely forwarded the RTI complaints to other regulatory bodies for action under weaker laws.

Kerala-based KV Babu, who has been persistently pursuing misleading advertisements issued by Ramdev for Ayush products claiming cures for various conditions from blood pressure and diabetes to liver ailments, said the only time the CCPA took action was in 2022.

The CCPA, under the Consumer Affairs Ministry, informed him two years ago that they had issued a notice to Divya Pharmacy and Patanjali Wellness and forwarded the complaint to the Ayush Ministry. However, Babu said the series of complaints he made to the CCPA in July 2022 was intended to be examined under the Consumer Protection Act 2019.

Under the new Act, the CCPA is empowered to conduct investigations into violations of con-



sumer rights, including misleading advertisements by pharmaceutical companies. The CCPA is legally mandated to investigate and act against misleading advertising under the act.

In its latest reply, dated March 20, the CCPA gave the same response to Babu. "The matter relates to public health and is in violation of the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act 1954, section 3 (d) and section 106 (1), Schedule J of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules 1945."

"As the issue does not fall under the category of misleading advertisements and must be dealt with by the Ministry of Ayush, the complaint is forwarded herewith for necessary action," said the reply from K Mahendran, Under Secretary

'CCPA can act against misleading ads'

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of the CCPA, to Babu's RTI filed on March 8, 2024. The letter was addressed to the Ayush Ministry.

Babu said it seems the CCPA is acting like a postman. "Instead of taking action under stringent law, the CCPA just forwarded my complaint to the State Licensing Authority (SLA) in Uttarakhand via the Ministry of Ayush. They are behaving like postmen, passing the buck," said Babu, who sent another letter to the Consumer Affairs Ministry on May 10.

"The complaints I filed are not just about contraventions of the DMR Act but also about misleading ads. The CCPA has the mandate to investigate complaints against misleading ads under the stronger CPA 2019 and can't just pass the buck to other regulatory authorities to take action under the weaker DMR Act," Babu said.

SC reserves its verdict in contempt case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Tuesday reserved its order on the contempt notice issued to yoga guru Ramdev, his aide Balkrishna and Patanjali Ayurved Ltd in the misleading advertisements case.

A bench of Justices Hima Kohli and Ahsanuddin Amanullah noted that the counsel appearing for the firm has sought time to file affidavit indicating the steps being taken to recall the advertisements of those products of Patanjali whose licences have been suspended.

The bench said the affidavit be filed within three weeks. "Orders are reserved on the contempt notice issued to respondents 5 to 7 (Patanjali Ayurved Ltd, Balkrishna and Ramdev)," the bench said.

During the hearing, Indian Medical Association (IMA) president R V Asokan unconditionally apologised to the bench for his statements made against the apex court in a recent interview to the PTI where he answered questions about Patanjali Ayurved's misleading advertisements case.

MEA refutes Maldives charge on copter landing by Indian military personnel

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

INDIA has firmly refuted Maldivian Defence Minister Mohamed Ghassan Maumoon's claim that Indian military personnel conducted an unauthorised helicopter landing during the administration of former President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih. This assertion was made at a press conference on May 11.

The Indian High Commission in Male issued a statement on Tuesday saying, "Indian aviation platforms in the Maldives have always operated in accordance with agreed procedures and with due authorization from the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF). The specific sortie on October 9, 2019, referred to in the press conference, was conducted with their prior approval."

It added, "An emergency landing at Thimarafushi was necessitated by an unforeseen exigency, which was executed after securing necessary on-ground approvals from the Air Traffic Controller (ATC) to ensure the safety and security of the platform and the crew."

This response addresses allegations made by Mohamed Maumoon who claimed that, during the tenure of former



'Military lacks pilots'

Defence Minister Ghassan Maumoon admitted that the Maldivian military lacks pilots trained to operate the three aircraft donated by India. These aircraft, including two copters and a Dornier, are used for medical evacuations. Maumoon said that the current government has now gained complete command and control over the aircraft.

President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, an Indian helicopter had made a trip without seeking permissions. It should be noted that all 88 Indian military personnel, previously stationed across the Maldives to manage one helicopter and two Dornier aircraft for medical evacuation and emergency services, have returned to India and were replaced by technical staff as of May 10.

"In the past five years, while I worked in Parliament, there was an instance where a concern was raised about a flight that operated without authorization. Such flights cannot operate under the present administration," Maldivian Defence Minister Maumoon remarked during the press conference.

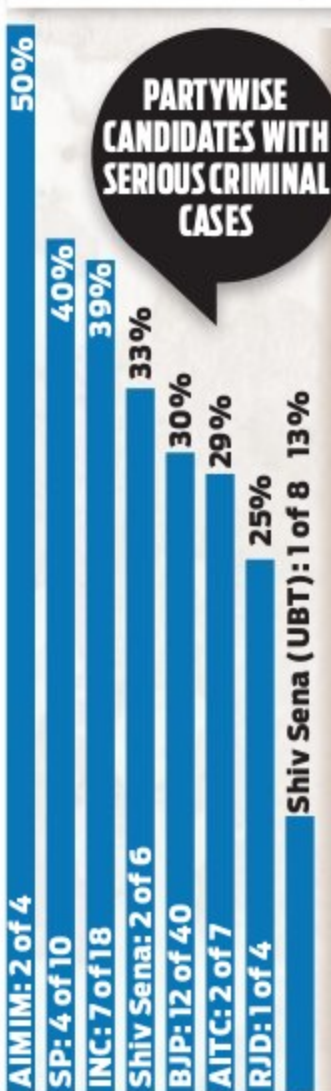
The exact dates of the mentioned incident were not disclosed. Minister Maumoon further stated that the current government has now gained complete command and control over the aircraft.

According to local media reports, on 11 May, the Maldives National Defence Force disclosed that Indian military personnel, previously stationed in the Maldives to operate helicopters donated by the Indian government, undertook an unauthorised flight during the tenure of former President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih.

Defence Minister Ghassan Maumoon admitted that the Maldivian military still lacks pilots trained to operate the three aircraft donated by India. These aircraft, including two helicopters and a Dornier plane, were primarily used for medical evacuations.

INDIA	Max	Min	Mumbai	Max	Min
Ahmedabad	42	27	Panaji	38	27
Bhopal	41	28	Patna	37	23
Jaipur	43	30	Lucknow	40	28
Amritsar	41	25	Port Blair	42	28
Chennai	38	29	Imphal	35	18
Kolkata	37	28	Chandigarh	42	24
Srinagar	26	06			

SP: 5 of 10	50%
Shiv Sena: 3 of 6	50%
AIMIM: 2 of 4	50%
BJP: 19 of 40	48%
INC: 8 of 18	44%
AITC: 3 of 7	43%
Shiv Sena (UBT): 3 of 8	38%
RJD: 1 of 4	25%
BJD: 1 of 5	20%



PARTYWISE CANDIDATES WITH CRIMINAL CASES

RED ALERT CONSTITUENCIES
Red Alert constituencies are seats with three or more candidates who have declared criminal cases against them contesting. 26 out of 49 (53%) constituencies are red alert constituencies in the phase 5.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND

- 159, or 23% candidates have criminal cases against them
- 122, 18% candidates have serious criminal cases
- 3 candidates declared cases they have been convicted
- 4 candidates declared cases related to murder (IPC Section 302)
- 28 candidates declared cases related to attempt to murder (IPC Section 307)
- 29 candidates were involved in cases related to crime against women
- 1 candidate has declared charge related to rape (IPC Section 376)
- 10 candidates have cases related to hate speech on them

PHASE 5 BACKGROUND CHECK



FROM THE ANALYSIS OF SELF-SWORN AFFIDAVITS OF ALL 695 CANDIDATES CONTESTING THE FIFTH PHASE OF LS POLLS IN 49 SEATS ACROSS 8 STATES, THE ASSOCIATION FOR DEMOCRATIC REFORMS AND THE NATIONAL ELECTION WATCH FIND THAT 122, OR 18% CANDIDATES HAVE SERIOUS CRIMINAL CASES REGISTERED AGAINST THEMSELVES. IN TERMS OF WEALTH, 227, OR 33% WERE CROREPATIS.

AVERAGE ASSETS

The average asset per candidate stood at ₹3.56 cr

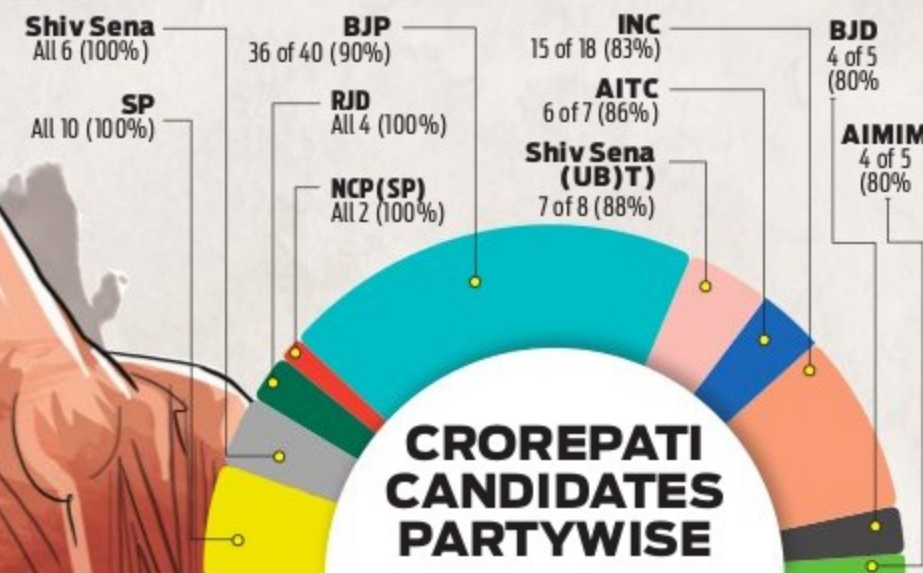
SHARE OF WEALTH

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VALUE OF ASSETS	NO OF CANDIDATES	PERCENTAGE OF CANDIDATES
₹5 crore and above	86	12%
₹2-5 crore	73	11%
₹50 lakh to ₹2 crore	162	23%
₹10-50 lakh	175	25%
Less than ₹10 lakh	199	29%

PARTYWISE AVERAGE ASSETS

PARTY	NO OF CANDIDATES	AVERAGE ASSETS
NCP (SP)	3	₹54.64 cr
Shiv Sena	6	₹23.21 cr
BJP	40	₹21.85 cr
INC	18	₹11.96 cr
Shivsena (UBT)	8	₹11.92 cr
AITC	7	₹11.15 cr
RJD	4	₹11.05 cr
BJD	5	₹4.58 cr
SP	10	₹3.93 cr
AIMIM	4	₹2.14 cr



India was under Maoist grip for decades due to Cong govts: PM

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

ADDRESSING his first poll rally in Varanasi after filing his nomination for the Lok Sabha polls, Prime Minister Narendra Modi accused the Congress governments of plunging the country into decades of Naxalism. He pledged to prevent Jharkhand from becoming a bastion of Naxalism and assured to free the entire tribal belt from bloodshed soon.

According to Modi, the JMM, Congress and Left parties are at the root of all issues, including corruption and nepotism. He committed to eradicating these problems from the country.

Modi criticised the weak Congress governments for not only igniting the fire of Naxalism but also for crushing the dreams of countless mothers. "Youths who joined Naxalism ruined not only themselves and their families but also compelled their mothers to shed tears for their entire lives," he said.

"This is a BJP government that has tightened the noose against Naxal violence. 'Modi ko chunauti-on ko taalna nahi, unse takrana aata hai... aur jab haule buland ho, to bade se bade chunauti ko bhi jhukan padta hai,'



Modi does not evade challenges; he confronts them directly. When the spirit is strong, even the greatest challenges will bow down," Modi declared.

Highlighting the reduced scope of Naxalism, Modi said, "I guarantee from this stage that whether it is terrorism or Naxalism, Modi has taken a pledge to strike harder on them during his third term."

Emphasizing his commitment, Modi stated that the days are nearing when the entire tribal belt will be liberated from bloodshed — that is Modi's guarantee.

Modi also alleged that the cash recovered from the residences of Congress leaders had been looted from the people of Jharkhand on the orders of the royal family.

"The JMM, Congress, and Left parties are the root of all problems, including corruption and nepotism. I will free the country from all these issues," reiterated the Prime Minister.

Matusas will get citizenship, none can stop it, says Shah...

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @ Kolkata

UNION home minister Amit Shah on Tuesday claimed that the TMC chief Mamata Banerjee's "vote bank politics" was linked to the Citizenship (Amendment) Act.

Shah assured the people of the Matua community that they will get citizenship. The Matuas, originally from erstwhile East Pakistan, are a weaker section of Hindus who migrated to India during the Partition and after the creation of Bangladesh, following religious persecution.

The Matua community's initial jubilation over the implementation of CAA rules has been dampened as the All India Matua Mahasangha has advised its members to abstain from submitting citizenship applications due to lack of necessary documents proving their previous residential address in Bangladesh.

Campaigning for the BJP's Bongaon candidate Shantanu Thakur, Shah said Mamata would not be able to stop the implementation of the CAA as the matter lies with the Centre.

The CAA will help minorities from three neighbouring Islamic nations to fast-track their Indian citizenship process if they fled due to religious

persecution.

"Didi is lying. No one will face any problem (due to CAA). Everyone will get citizenship. This is PM Modi's guarantee," Shah said at a rally in Bongaon. "Didi only practises vote bank politics. She makes infiltrators citizens illegally. The CAA is expected to be the biggest election issue in Bongaon. We will have to stop illegal immigration," Shah said.

He asserted that no power in the world can stop "my refugee brothers" from becoming citizens of India. "This is the promise of Modi ji. Mamata Banerjee must remember that citizenship falls under the exclusive authority of the Central government, not the state governments," he said.

"Mamata is lying that anyone who applies for citizenship under the CAA will face problems. I have come to assure the people of the Matua community that no one will face any trouble. You will get citizenship and will be able to live with respect in the country," he said.

Of the 380 seats including 18 in West Bengal that voted in the four of the seven-phase elections, Shah said PM Modi has already achieved majority by making the BJP win 270 seats. "The fight ahead is for crossing the 400-seat mark," he added.



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... Mamata retorts, says BJP won't cross 200-seat mark



'Will love to cook for PM'

Mamata Banerjee's offer to "cook food" for PM Narendra Modi elicited mixed responses from political parties, with the BJP terming it a "political agenda" and the CPM dubbing it as an "understanding" between the TMC and the BJP. Taking a jibe at Modi for his allegation that RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav last month had fish during a Hindu festival, Banerjee said she was ready to "cook something for him (Modi)", though she was not sure if he would eat what she cooked. "People have praised my cooking. But will Modi ji accept my food? Will he trust me?" she said.

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @ Kolkata

WEST Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee has claimed that the BJP is unlikely to touch the 200-seat mark in the parliamentary polls and that the India bloc will easily cross the 300-seat threshold.

"INDIA bloc will win at least 315 seats while the BJP will get a maximum 195 seats," she said at a rally at Bongaon, a town in North 24 Parganas, about 78 km from Kolkata.

At the end of phase 4 of the polls, Banerjee predicted that PM Modi would not return to power. "I will ensure that the INDIA bloc comes to power this time. There will be no Modi in Delhi. Based on the numbers I received till yesterday; they will get around 190-195 seats. INDIA bloc will get 315 seats," she said.

Mamata also took a jibe at the BJP, saying the saffron party should not brag about winning 400 seats anymore. "Modi is not coming to power this time. The polling so far has been good. That is why the leaders of the ruling party at the Centre are scared. They should not brag about 400 seats anymore," she said.

Attacking Modi on the Sandeshkhali issue, Mamata said,

"The BJP and the PM are spreading falsehood on the issue. The 'guaranteee babu' (sweep at Modi's guarantee) is maligning West Bengal. Now, when the truth is emerging (referring to purported videos), they are asking TV channels not to show those. They are trying to hide the truth. The BJP hatched a conspiracy to tarnish the image of women of the state."

Modi, in election rallies on Sunday, had alleged that the TMC was "attempting to conceal its past misdeeds" in Sandeshkhali, where party leaders have been accused of sexual assault and land-grabbing.

Multiple purported videos recently surfaced on social media that claimed that a local BJP leader made several women of Sandeshkhali sign blank papers, which were later filled up as complaints of sexual assault against TMC leaders, and that women were paid to participate in protests.

Mamata also reiterated her opposition to the implementation of CAA and NRC in the state. "They are interfering in everything, be it our religious practices or food habits. They want to decide what we should eat and what we shouldn't. This is unacceptable," she said.

Haryana with 16 beats neighbour Punjab in fielding women candidates

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

FOUR major parties in Punjab have fielded only six women candidates for the Lok Sabha elections, with BJP picking three, Congress two, and SAD one. AAP has not fielded any woman candidate. In neighbouring Haryana, parties have fielded 16 women and one in Himachal Pradesh.

The Aam Aadmi Party was the first to announce candidates for all the 13 Lok Sabha seats in Punjab but it has not given ticket to any woman. Tuesday was the last day to file nominations.

BJP's three women candidates are Preet Kaur, wife of former CM Amarinder Singh, from Patiala; Anita Som Parkash, wife of Union minister of state Som Parkash, from Hoshiarpur (reserved); and former



The six women candidates in Punjab (from Left) Preet Kaur, Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Amarjit Kaur Sahoake, Yamini Gomar, Anita Som Parkash and Parampal Kaur

IAS officer Parampal Kaur Sidhu, daughter-in-law of Akali Dal leader SS Maluka, from Bathinda. Preet was the Congress MP but she quit the party and joined the BJP.

Congress' two woman candidates are Yamini Gomar from Hoshiarpur and Amarjit Kaur Sahoake from Faridkot, both reserve seats. The Shiromani Akali Dal has fielded MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal, wife of party president Sukhbir Singh

Badal, from Bathinda for the fourth time.

A former Union minister, Harsimrat defeated Raninder Singh, son of Amarinder Singh, from Bathinda in 2009 LS polls. She defeated her brother-in-law Manpreet Singh Badal of Congress in 2014, and current Punjab Congress chief Amarinder Singh Raja Warring in 2019.

A former government school teacher, Sahoake resigned from her job in 2013 and joined SAD

and was elected as a zila parishad member. She also remained chairman of the zila parishad from 2013 to 2018. She contested assembly elections from Jagraon in 2017 but was defeated. Then she quit SAD and joined Congress. The 49-year old Gomar was AAP candidate from Hoshiarpur and came third. She resigned from AAP in 2016 and joined the Congress.

"It is unfortunate that AAP

has not given representation to any woman in the parliamentary polls. The party often talks about women empowerment and equality but could not find even a single woman candidate," said Partap Singh Bajwa, Congress leader.

In Haryana, BJP has given ticket to Banto Kataria from Amabla (reserved) and Congress to former union minister and ex-state unit president Kumari Selja from Sirsa. INLD

has announced Sunaina Chautala from Hisar and she faces her cousin sister-in-law Naina Singh Chautala of JJP.

Haryana Chief Electoral Officer Anurag Aggarwal said that after withdrawal of nominations, 223 candidates, including 16 women, are left in the contest for the 10 Lok Sabha seats in the state.

Hisar has the maximum women candidates — three out of 28. Kurukshetra has most number of candidates at 31, but only one woman. At Ambala, 14 candidates, including two women, are contesting. In Sirsa, one woman is among 19 candidates. Karnal has two women candidates, Rohtak two, Bhiwani-Mahendragarh two, Gurgaon one, and Faridabad two.

In Himachal, BJP has fielded actress-turned-politician Kan-gana Ranaut from Mandi.

Rafah assault pushed back truce talks

DOHA

ISRAEL's military operation in Rafah has set truce negotiations with Hamas "backward", mediator Qatar said on Tuesday, adding that talks have reached "almost a stalemate".

"Especially in the past few weeks, we have seen some momentum building but unfortunately things didn't move in the right direction and right now we are on a status of almost a stalemate," Prime Minister Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani told the Qatar Economic Forum.

"Of course, what happened with Rafah has set us backward," Qatar, which has hosted



Palestinians mourn their relatives killed during airstrikes in Gaza, next to the morgue in Deir al Balah on May 14 | AP

Hamas's political office in Doha since 2012, has been engaged - along with Egypt and the United States - in months of behind-the-scenes mediation between Israel and the Palestinian mili-

tant group. "There is no clarity how to stop the war from the Israeli side. I don't think that they are considering this as an option... even when we are talking about the deal and leading to a potential ceasefire," Sheikh Mohammed said.

Israeli politicians were indicating "by their statements that they will remain there, they will continue the war. And there is no clarity on what Gaza will look like after this," he added. Israel continued to fight Hamas in Rafah on Monday, despite US warnings against a full-scale assault on the south Gaza city that is crowded with displaced Palestinians.

At a separate news confer-

ence, Qatar's foreign ministry spokesman said humanitarian aid had been unable to reach the people of Gaza since May 9, after Israel launched incursions into Rafah and closed the main aid crossings. "Our brothers in the Gaza Strip have not received any aid since May 9, and this is an indication of the continued perpetuation of the humanitarian catastrophe in the Gaza Strip," Majed al-Ansari said.

The top UN court said it would hold hearings Thursday and Friday over South Africa's request to impose emergency orders on Israel to halt its Rafah offensive.

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague will

hear lawyers from South Africa on Thursday, followed by Israel's response the next day, it said in a statement.

Earlier this month, Pretoria petitioned the ICJ for so-called provisional measures over the incursion into Rafah, asking the court to order Israel to "immediately withdraw and cease its military offensive." It also requested the court to order Israel to take "all effective measures" to facilitate the "unimpeded" access of humanitarian aid into Gaza. Nearly 450,000 Palestinians have been newly displaced from Rafah in recent days, and around 100,000 from northern Gaza, according to UN agencies.

Master of contemporary short story writing

WASHINGTON

NOBEL laureate Alice Munro, the Canadian literary giant who became one of the world's most esteemed contemporary authors and one of history's most honored short story writers, has died at age 92.

A spokesperson for publisher Penguin Random House Canada said Munro, winner of the Nobel literary prize in 2013, died on Monday at home in Port Hope, Ontario. Munro had been in frail health for years and often spoke of retirement, a decision that proved final after the author's 2012 collection, *Dear Life*. Often ranked with Anton Chekhov, John Cheever and a handful of other short story writers, Munro achieved stature rare for an art form traditionally placed beneath the novel. She was the first lifelong Canadian to win the Nobel and the first recipient cited exclu-

sively for short fiction.

Echoing the judgment of so many before, the Swedish academy pronounced her a "master of the contemporary short story" who could "accommodate the entire epic complexity of the novel in just a few short pages." Munro, little known beyond



ALICE MUNRO (1931-2024)

Canada until her late 30s, also became one of the few short story writers to enjoy ongoing commercial success. Sales in North America alone exceeded 1 million copies and the Nobel announcement raised "Dear Life" to the high end of *The New York Times*' bestseller list for paperback fiction.

Other popular books included "Too Much Happiness," "The View from Castle Rock," and "The Love of a Good Woman." Over a half century of writing, Munro perfected one of the greatest tricks of any art form: illuminating the universal through the particular.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby notified that my client is intending to Purchase the Property detailed in the Schedule hereunder from **Smt. Sheela D/o Thimma Gowda**, Residing at Matadadoddi Village, Chikkarasinakere Hobli, Maddur Taluk, Mandya District.

In case if anybody have any claim in the Schedule Property or any objections for the proposed sale transaction, the same may be lodged with the undersigned with Documentary Proof within 7 days from the date of this notice. No claim will be entertained after said period and my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE

Land Bearing Sy. No. 262, measuring 4 Acre 38 Guntas situated at Sasalapur Village, Sathanur Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District and the same is bounded on the East by: Govt. Road, West by: Gomala, North by: Land of Puttegowda & Huchappa and South by: Land of Puttegowda & Huchappa.

Sri. K. Vishwanatha Shetty, Advocate, No.39, Mayur Nivas, 4th Main, Chamaraipet, Bangalore-18. Mob:9845644646 Bangalore. Date: 14.05.2024

IN THE COURT OF THE SMALL CAUSES JUDGE, AT BENGALURU C.C. No. 28027/2016 (SCCH-9)

BETWEEN: Smt. Meenakshi Ramji, W/o Shri Ramji Subramanian, R/o No. 1539, E. Block, AECS Layout, Kundalahalli, Bengaluru- 560037 ...**Complainant**

AND: Sri. P. Santhosh, Managing Director, M/s.LENAXIS CHITS PVT.LTD., 1/A, St. Gregarious Orthodox, Church Building, 1st Floor, 12th Cross, College Road, Mathikere, Bengaluru- 560054 ...**Accused**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the Complainant has been made before the Hon'ble Small Causes Judge, at Bengaluru (SCCH-9) against the above named Accused has committed offence under section 138 of N.I. Act and it has been returned to warrant of Arrest thereupon, issued the said P. Santhosh can not be found and whereas, it has been shown to Small Causes Judge, at Bengaluru (SCCH-9), satisfaction that the Accused have absconded or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant. Hence, proclamation is hereby made that the said Accused is required to appear before the Hon'ble Small Causes Judge, at Bengaluru (SCCH-9) to answer the said complaint on 29-06-2024

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 09-05-2024 By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, Court of Small Causes, Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client namely, **Sadhik Basha** (8147465687), S/o Basha, M. aged about 29 years, Residing at, No.16/30/30, 7th Main, 7th Cross, Garve Bhavi Palya, Near Om Shanthi Temple, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560 068., is the absolute owner of vacant site bearing No.37, formed in carved in the schedule "A" properties (Sy.No.103 of Nerulur Village), Situated at, Nerulur Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District in the layout known and recognised as "AAOHHYA CITY" had acquired under the registered sale deed dated. 18.05.2012 vide registered document No. JGN-1-01467/2012-13, stored in CD NO. ABLD263 before Sub-registrar, Jigani. On 06.05.2024 at Attibele Bus Stand, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, My client has lost the original sale deed dated 18.05.2012. After that, in spite of his best efforts and though search, he could not trace out the same.

And in this regard on 09.05.2024 my client lodged police complaint at Attibele Police station, Attibele, if anybody finds the above said original document it is requested to hand over the same to my client or to my below mentioned address.

R. HARISH KUMAR, Advocate, Office at 1st floor, Mahadeswara complex, Attibele road, Anekal Town, Bangalore District- 562 106. Mob: 9844527158

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1	Annual Repair Contract for integrated power supply System of Mys Stacon make for a period of Two Years at Mysuru, ALUR, Mysuru New Goods Terminal, Ballari, Nagavangala, Ajampur, Kadur and Bedara Bommanahalli Stations over Mysuru Division.	Rs. 19,08,380/-
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Last date for submission of bids: Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 31-05-2024

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DEMAND NOTICE - NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given that the following borrower/s have availed Loan (Equitas Housing Finance Limited (EHFL) / Equitas Finance Limited (EFL) / Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd (ESFB). The said borrower/s had/have failed to pay Installments and their loan account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset as per the guidelines issued by RBI. The details of the secured immovable property/ies, loan and the amounts outstanding as on date payable by the borrower/s are mentioned below. The borrower/s and the public in general are informed that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer, the secured creditor has initiated action against the following borrower(s) under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and not to deal with the said property, on failure to repay the outstanding dues indicated against their names within 60 (Sixty) days of this notice, the undersigned will exercise any one or more of the powers under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, including power to take possession of the property/ies and sell the same

SR NO	Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) (NAME OF THE BRANCH)	13(2) Notice Date Claim Amount	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)
1	BRANCH - HSR LAYOUT Loan No - SEHRLYT0379629 BORROWER - MR. KIRAN S GUARANTOR - LAKSHMI, MAHENDRA KUMAR SS, SRINIVAS	03-05-2024 & 19,17,550	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.201/1, Old Janjar No.194, As per Form No.9, S.No.357, Property No.214/201, Situated at Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, Measuring: East to West 40 ft, North to South 30 ft, Total extent of 1200 Sq. ft. North by: Passage, South by: House belongs to Srinivas Gullappa, East by: Road, West by: House belongs to Riyat. Measurement: East to West 40 ft, North to South 30 ft, Total extent of 1200 Sq.ft. Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Basavangudi(Sarjapura) and Registration District of Bangalore
2	BRANCH - PEENYA Loan No - SEPEYAO340892 BORROWER - MRS. DEEPA GUARANTOR - MANJUNATHA	03-05-2024 & 9,83,471	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing no.3, Katha no.3/2/3, Assessment no.3/2, situated at Sirampura village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, East to West Northern side 33- 06ft, Southern side 28ft, North to south Easternside 35-09ft, Westernside 32-06ft. North by: 15 feet Road, South by: House of Munidevappa, East by: property no.4, West by: property no.2, Measurement: East to West Northern side 33-06ft, Southern side 28ft, North to south Easternside 35 09ft, Westernside 32-06ft, Total extent of 1049. 3435sq.ft. Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Yelahanka and Registration District of Bangalore
3	BRANCH - Yelahanka Loan No - VLPHMSNR0000681 BORROWER - MRS. DURGA V GUARANTOR - LOKANANDHARAJU	03-05-2024 & 19,76,505	All that piece and parcel of the land bearing present corporation no.13/6, situated at atmananda colony main road, Bangalore (old site no.81 then no.1 sulthanapalya matadadoddi, bangalore) Bangalore mahaganapalika ward no.95 PID no.95-32-13/6 and bounded on the East by: road, West by: property bearing no.2 belonging to Smt. Sarasamma, North by: road, South by: property no.11 & 12, Measurement: measuring east to west: 40 feet, and north to south: 62 feet, total in all together measuring 2480sq.ft.

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being a residential apartment constructed on property bearing present corporation No.13/6, situated Atmananda colony Main Road, Bangalore (old site No.81, then No.1 Sulthanapalya Bangalore) Bangalore Mahaganapalika Ward No.95, PID no.95- 32-13/6, in the residential Apartment and assigned Apartment no.5, in Second Floor, containing two bed rooms approximately measuring 1050 sq.foot of super built up area RCC roofing, brick wall with cement mortar, vitrified tiled flooring doors, windows, including the amenity of common water and sanitation, separate electricity, with one car parking slot in the basement and undivided share in the land equivalent to 400 sq.foot, including all rights, privileges, common area, common open space, common facilities and amenities, including lift, generator, appurtenances and easementary rights.

Date - 15.05.2024, Place - Bangalore Authorized officer, Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **J.W.B.S.BALAJI**, aged 81 years, S/o Late Mr.B.K.S.Murthy, residing at No.4A, Rohini Manors, S.G.Palya, Bangalore East, C.V.Ram Nagar, Bangalore - 560 093, have lost the Original Absolute Sale Deed bearing Document No.KRI-1-00559-2008-09, Book-1, stored in CD No.KRID313, registered at the Office of Sub-Registrar, Krishnagurapuram, Bangalore, which is sold / executed by R.FORGE NAVAL HOUSING BOARD in favour of J.W.B.S.Balaji and Mrs.Nagarathna B. in respect of the Residential Apartment bearing Flat No.321, Constructed on the Second Floor of the building known as "JAL VAYU TOWERS, BANGALORE", having super built up area of 947.877 Square Feet along with Undivided share equal to 538 Square Feet, with one covered car parking space bearing No.6 in the apartment constructed over the property bearing Corporation No.1/15 (Old No.1), earlier lands bearing Survey No.23 (measuring 23.465 Acres), Survey No.30 (measuring 3 Acres and 5.225 Guntas), Survey No.32 (measuring 5 Acres and 3.221 guntas), totally measuring 9 acres and 19.111 guntas, situated at Madras Road, Benrinahalli, Ward No.84, Bangalore.

In this regard my client had preferred a Police complaint before the Bangalore City Police, in Last Article Report No. 1047085/2024 dated 10.05.2024 in Serial No.1047085. If found, the said documents may kindly be delivered to the under mentioned address. Any objection from the concerned public will not be entertained or bind my client after expiry of 7 days from the date of publication of this NOTICE.

SAJIKUMAR .K.B & KRISHNAPRASAD R., Advocates No.4, 1st Floor, 90 Feet Road, 2nd Cross, Chairman Layout, HRBR 1st Block, Kalyan Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560 043. Mob No. 8792770700 / 9980201811

Indian Bank
CORRIGENDUM TO SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY PUBLICLY IN THIS PAPER ON 02.05.2024

In the above notice in respect of Borrower **Mrs. Usha Mary Pinto** in the property details may please be read as Schedule-A: Property bearing H.A.S.B.No.684/B-C, Old Katha No.684/B-C Extent areas of land/building: East to West: 128' 7.5 ft, North to South 75'1.5 Ft+ 796' in all measuring 11,857 Sq.ft 16th B main Road, Hal 2nd Stage Kodihalli Village, Bangalore. Boundaries for entire property: East by: Tank, West-Private Property and BDA Road, North - Tank, South - Private Property and Schedule-B: Apartment No.1005 in the ground No.1st Floor "Payan Enclave", H.A.S.B.No.684/B-C, Old Katha No.684/B-C, 16th B main Road, Hal 2nd stage Kodihalli Village, Bangalore measuring super built-up area of about 1226 sqft.

Reserve Price: Rs.4,50,000/- EMD: Rs.45,000/- Bid Increment: Rs.10,000/-

Instead of Property bearing H.A.S.B.No.684/B-C, Old Katha No.684/B-C Extent areas of land/building: East to West: 128' 7.5 ft, North to South 75'1.5 Ft+ 796' in all measuring 11,857 Sq.ft 16th B main Road, Hal 2nd Stage Kodihalli Village, Bangalore. Boundaries for entire property: East by: Tank, West-Private Property and BDA Road, North - Tank, South -Private Property

Date and time of e-auction: 22/05/2024, 11.00 am to 4.00pm

All other terms and conditions contained in the said Notice remain unchanged.

Authorized Officer

DAVANGERE UNIVERSITY
Office of the University, Shivagangothri, Davangere - 577007
COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
Ph No: 08192-208309, E-mail: cdccdu2013@gmail.com
No: DU/CDC/Affn/138/2024-25/405 Date:13.05.2024

NOTIFICATION

Sub: Inviting applications for Affiliation of Colleges for the Academic Year 2024-25-Reg.

Ref: 1) Government Order No: ED 166 UNE 2023, Dt:08.05.2024
2) Approval of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Dt:13.05.2024

Pursuant to the approval of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, this University has invited Applications (through Online) from the Registered Educational Trusts/ Institutions/ Organisations/ Societies those who wish to establish the New Degree Colleges (BA., B.Sc., B.Com., BBA., BCA., BSA., BSW., B.Ed., B.P.Ed., B.A., B.Ed./B.Sc./B.Ed., and any other conventional courses) from the Academic Year 2024-25 coming under the jurisdiction of Davangere & Chitradurga Districts having financial viability and without expecting grants either from the State Government or from the University.

The existing affiliated colleges coming under Davangere and Chitradurga Districts may also apply through Online for establishing New Under Graduate Programmes and also seeking Renewal / Permanent Affiliation for the existing Under Graduate / Post Graduate Programmes from the Academic Year 2024-25.

The filled in Online applications (02Hard copies) shall be submitted to the Registrar, Davangere University, Shivagangothri, Davangere - 577 007, either in person or by Registered Post-on or before the dates as shown below.

1	Without penal fee	25.05.2024
2	With penal fee of Rs.20,000-00	28.05.2024

Application will not be accepted / received after the last date fixed by the University. This University will not be responsible for the postal delay.

NOTE: For more details kindly visit the University website: <http://davangereuniversity.ac.in>.

Apply for Online Affiliation website: <https://uucms.karnataka.gov.in/Login/Index>

By Order, Sd/- Registrar

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IN THE COURT OF XXX ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU
P & SC 397/2023
PLAINTIFF:1. Ms.LINDA MALDEN, Aged about 64 years, D/o Late Stewart William Lemox Campbell, Residing at: Little Purbeck, Bolney Road, Lower Shiplake, Henley on Thames OX8 3NS, United Kingdom
2. MR.IAN DONALD LEXNOX CAMPBELL, Aged about 69 years, S/o Late Stewart William Lemox Campbell, Residing at: Flat/2, 102, Crystal Park Road SE26 8UP, London United Kingdom
-VS-
DEFENDANTS:-NIL

WHEREAS, the above named Petitioners have made a petition to this Court under section 372 of Indian Succession Act, 1925 for the grant of a Succession Certificate in favour of the Petitioner No.1, in respect of schedule mentioned below. The below mentioned schedule has held by Late. Mr. Stewart Bruce Lemox Campbell, brother of Petitioners herein, who expired on 02.08.2016.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that in case any person has any objection for the grant of Succession Certificate, he/she can file objections to the same on or before 27.08.2024, at 11 Clock A.M. failing which the Petition shall be decided in accordance with law.

No.	account	bank	IFSC Code	Address	Account No.	account
1.	Mr Stewart Bruce Lemnox Campbell	HDFC Bank	Banarashankar Bangalore IFSC Code: HDFC000157	No.1 Kattigappa Main Road, 3rd Phase, 3rd Stage 4th Block, Banarashankar Bangalore -560085	50100014520140	Savings
2.	Mr Stewart Bruce Lemnox Campbell	HSBC Bank	Powai Mumbai IFSC - HSBC04000112	G-4 Prudential Hiranandani Business Park, Hiranandani Parks, Powai Mumbai -400076	120-0170171-008	Savings



FM warns retail investors about future & options mkt risks

She assures Street about stability and majority of the next Modi govt

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

UNCHECKED explosion in the riskier futures & options market by retail investors can create problems for their household finances, warned outgoing finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman who also assured Dalal Street about the stability and majority of the next Modi government.

Discounting the recent volatility in the market and the heavy selloff by foreign investors,

the minister, addressing business editors here on Tuesday said, "I inherently believe that the stock market and its conduct is on its wisdom. It has its own assessment of the situations, the global situations and other stock markets situation, etc., and the market watches these very closely and behaves on its own wisdom. But all I can assure you and everyone out there is that there is absolutely no need for investors to worry about the outcome of

the ongoing polls."

"Absolutely, there is no doubt about Prime Minister Modi and BJP will return with good numbers, no need for volatility. There is no need for the volatility index to fluctuate the way it has been doing in recent days. There is no need for VIX to fluctuate at all," as the Modi government has been providing predictability in policies and taxation, the two fundamental things that markets functions on.



"Unless you have predictable certainty, of course I am not talking about certainly as a carved in stone certainty. The human nature is that, people prefer having a certain predictable certain stability" which BJP has been providing. It is significant to note that

after the first phase of polling, the BJP and particularly Modi and home minister Amit Shah, have been silent on crossing the 400-mark, something the party went to town with in the run-up to the hustings. As the polling progressed each of the four phases saw

voter apathy and the resultant low voter turnout to the tune of 3-5% on average, the markets especially foreign funds were getting jittery about Modi may come back with a much lower mandate. FPIs have sold off close to ₹18,000 crore of equities this month alone.

'No need to worry about poll outcome'

Sitharaman said the market and its conduct is on its wisdom. The market watches these developments closely and behaves on its own wisdom. She assured everyone that there is no need for investors to worry about the outcome of the ongoing polls

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Anushka and Virat-backed Go Digit to hit market today



Allied Blenders gets SEBI nod for ₹1,500 cr IPO

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

LIQUOR maker Allied Blenders and Distillers has received a nod from the capital markets regulator, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), to raise ₹1,500 crore through an initial public offering (IPO). The company had filed its IPO papers with Sebi on January 15, 2024.

The shares are offered at a face value of ₹2 and is a mix of fresh issue of up to ₹1,000 crore and an offer for sale (OFS) of up to ₹500 crore by Promoters and Promoter Group.

The OFS comprises up to ₹250 crore by Bina Kishore Chhabria, ₹125 crore by Resham Chhabria Jeetendra Hemdev and ₹125 crore by Neesha Kishore Chhabria. As per the company's filing, the proceeds from its fresh issuance to the extent of ₹720 crore will be utilised for prepayment or scheduled repayment of a portion of certain outstanding borrowings availed by the company and for general corporate purposes.

The Mumbai-based company's Officer's Choice Whisky among other brands in the mass premium segment. It claims to have a market share of 11.8% in fiscal 2023 in the Indian market. The company said it has shifted its focus from mass premium whisky segment to premiumization, with the launch of brands like ICQ-NIQ White Whisky.

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

ANUSHKA SHARMA and Virat Kohli-backed Go Digit is all set to launch its ₹2,600 crore initial public offering (IPO) on Wednesday.

Hitting the market in the middle of an election season when the stock market is going through extreme volatility, the initial issue of Go Digit has received a 'subscribe' call from multiple brokerage firms.

"At the upper price band, the company is valued at P/GWP (gross written premium) of 3.44x with a market cap of ₹24,949 crore post issue of equity shares. We believe that the valuation of the company is fairly priced and recommend a "Subscribe" rating to the IPO," said analysts at Anand Rathi.

Mastertrust Broking and Services said that the company is continuously investing in technology to optimize customer experience and boost operating leverage. "We recommend

subscribing to this IPO, with a medium to long-term perspective, given the huge growth and margin expansion potential."

In the unofficial grey market, the company's shares are commanding a premium of ₹50, indicating a listing gain. Go Digit has priced the IPO in the range of ₹258-278 per share.

The IPO is a mix of a fresh issue of 4.14 crore shares worth ₹1,125 crore and an offer for sale of 5.48 crore shares worth ₹1,489.65 crore. The company's promoters are Kamesh Goyal, Go Digit Infoworks Services, Oben Ventures LLP and FAL (the promoter of FAL is Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited). Prominent cricketer Virat

Kohli and actress Anushka Sharma are investors in the company.

The company has launched 74 active products across all business lines. It achieved a market share of 6.0% and 5.4% respectively as of 9 months ended December 31, 2023, and FY2023, in the motor insurance segment.

At the upper price band, it is valued at gross premium of 3.44x with a m-cap of ₹24,949 cr post issue. Valuation of the company is fairly priced and recommend a 'Subscribe' rating to the IPO

Analysts at Anand Rathi

Amazon invests ₹1,660 crore in India arm as competition rises in ecommerce space

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

AMAZON has infused ₹1,660 crore into its India entity and this is the second time that the company has invested money in the last few months. Earlier in February Amazon Seller Services said its US parent pumped in ₹830 crore into the company. The investment comes at a time when Walmart has invested about \$600 million in Flipkart.

SoftBank-backed Meesho also in a regulatory filing has revealed its fresh fundraising. As per reports, the company has raised \$275 million. The Indian ecommerce space has been witnessing growing competition among major players. Amazon said in its filings, "the board is accorded for allotment of 166 crore equity shares of ₹10 each aggregating to ₹16,60,00,00,000

Meesho too raising funds

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(one thousand six hundred sixty crore) to existing shareholders on right basis."

As per reports, the industry in India is projected to reach \$300 billion by 2030. Last year, Amazon CEO Andy Jassy had said the company will invest \$15 billion more in the country. "We have invested \$11 billion till date and intend to invest another \$15 billion, which will bring the total to \$26 billion," he had said. Last month, Amazon India launched Bazaar that offers unbranded products under ₹600.

This is to compete against other players including Meesho and Ajio. Meesho recently appointed Surojit Chatterjee as an independent director. Meanwhile on Tuesday, Amazon Web Services (AWS) CEO Adam Selipsky has stepped down.

Jassy said, "Adam leaves AWS in a strong position, having reached a \$100 billion annual revenue run rate this past quarter, with YoY revenue accelerating again. And most importantly, AWS continues to lead on operational performance, security, reliability, and the overall breadth and depth of our services." Last month Amazon posted 13% increase in its net sales at \$143.3 billion in the March quarter compared with \$127.4 billion in the year-ago period. Its net income increased to \$10.4 billion in the March quarter.

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IN an election-year move, President Joe Biden-led administration has decided to slap new and increased tariffs on Chinese electric vehicles, semiconductors, lithium batteries, solar cells, steel, aluminium and medical equipment to appeal to the US voters.

This move, aimed at creating manufacturing jobs in the US and improving its competitive advantage, may spark a fresh trade war between the two economies. "Biden is directing his Trade Representative to in-

crease tariffs under Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 on \$18 billion of imports from China to protect US workers and businesses," said a White House statement on Tuesday.

US will raise tariff on Chinese electric vehicles (EVs) from 25% to 100% in 2024. "With subsidies and non-market practices leading to risks of overcapacity, China's exports of EVs grew 70% from 2022 to 2023. A 100% tariff rate on EVs will protect US manufacturers from China's unfair trade practices."

ASIANOMICS

JAPAN

IMF ENDORSES COMMITMENT TO FLEXIBLE YEN

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has said Japan's commitment to allow yen to move flexibly will help the central bank focus on achieving price stability. The global fund's executive board said hikes in the Bank of Japan's (BOJ) short-term policy rate should "proceed at a gradual pace and be data-dependent". The board "underscored that Japan's longstanding commitment to a flexible exchange rate regime will help absorb shocks and support monetary policy's focus on price stability," IMF said in a statement. The recommendations come as Japan struggles to combat yen falls that have become a headache for policymakers, as the weaker currency hurts consumption and broader economy by inflating cost of raw material imports.

CHINA

KICKING OFF A \$138 BN BOND SALE TO BOOST ECONOMY

In a bid to boost its faltering economy, China will start selling bonds this week. The government will issue 30-year sovereign bonds worth 40 billion yuan (\$5.5 billion) on Friday in the first of several sales aimed at raising 1 trillion yuan (\$138 billion) overall, said finance ministry. It is planning to start selling ultra-long sovereign bonds in March. It's only the fourth time in the past 26 years and the first time since 2020 China's government has raised debt by selling long-dated bonds. The government is trying to reignite an economy that has stumbled since the pandemic. The world's second-largest economy has been plagued by an ongoing property-market crisis, which has triggered the collapse of large developers, including Evergrande and Country Garden. Premier Li Qiang warned that China's economy faced significant risks but still set a growth target of 5%.

SRI LANKA

GOVT APPROVES ECONOMIC LAW TO MEET IMF TARGETS

The Sri Lankan government has approved an economic law to meet the key targets set by the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The country plunged into its worst financial crisis in more than seven decades after its foreign exchange reserves sank to record lows in 2022 pushing the country to default on its foreign debt. However, the country has seen its economy improve after a \$2.9 billion bailout was approved by the IMF last April and is expected to grow by 3% this year. The Economic Transformation bill include a goal to reduce the debt to gross domestic product (GDP) ratio to 95% by 2030, and reduce debt servicing costs to 4.5% of GDP, the spokesperson said.

CBI arrests former DHFL director Wadhawan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Tuesday said it has arrested former DHFL director Dheeraj Wadhawan in a ₹34,000 crore bank fraud case.

Wadhawan was arrested from Mumbai on Monday night, was produced before a special court here which remanded him in judicial custody on Tuesday.

The case relates to alleged defrauding of a 17-member lender bank consortium. Dheeraj and

brother Kapil were earlier arrested in the same case on July 19, 2022, said the CBI official. The agency had filed a charge sheet against 75 entities including Kapil and Dheeraj on 15 October 2022.

The former DHFL directors were granted bail from the special court on December 3, 2022, on the grounds that the probe was incomplete and the charge sheet filed was piecemeal. This order was upheld by the Delhi High Court as well. The CBI had challenged the order in the Supreme Court,

which set aside the bail orders noting that the Special Court as well as the High Court "committed serious error of law" in disregarding the legal position enunciated and settled by the apex court.

The CBI had booked the Wadhawans and others on a complaint from the Union Bank of India, the leader of the consortium that had extended credit facilities to DHFL of ₹42,871 crore between 2010 and 2018. DHFL loan accounts were declared non-performing assets at different points of time by lender banks, the officials said.

AI spending in India to reach \$5.1 bn by 2027

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

ARTIFICIAL Intelligence (AI) spending in India is set to undergo the swiftest expansion among the eight markets - Australia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, and Taiwan, with an estimated Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 31.5% from 2023, forecasted to reach \$5.1 billion by 2027.

Intel at its AI For India Conference on Tuesday unveiled a joint report assessing the AI maturity level across eight markets, including India. Boasting 20% of the world's data and AI talent, India's strategic position as a global AI leader is reinforced by its robust developer community and skill penetration, poised to surpass even the US, it said.

Investments in AI for the years 2024 and 2025 will prioritize the development of AI infrastructure, laying the foundation for high-value use cases that promise transformative impacts in the future, the report added.

Samsung's domestic market share drops 13% in Q1, Apple gains 19%

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

SAMSUNG lost nearly 13% of its market share in India in the first quarter of 2024 (calendar year) compared to the same period last year, while Apple increased its market share by 19% during the same period.

According to a report by IDC, South-Korean Samsung's market share decreased from 20.1% to 15.6%, while iPhone maker Apple increased its market

share from 6.8% to 7.3% in the first quarter. However, globally, Samsung still dominates, holding the top position with a 20.8% market share, followed closely by Apple with a 17.3% share. In the December 2023 quarter, Samsung lost its top position to Apple globally.

In India, Chinese mobile maker Vivo, with a 16.2% market share, emerged as the top brand, replacing Samsung, which fell to the second spot.



Xiaomi, another Chinese mobile maker, grabbed the third spot with a 12.8% market share, while the fourth and fifth positions were taken by Oppo and Realme with 10.2% and 9.8% market shares, respectively. Apple holds the sixth position in India's overall smartphone market share.

Overall, India's smartphone market shipped 34 million units in the first quarter (Q1) of 2024, reflecting an 11.5% growth

year-over-year (YoY). This marks the third consecutive quarter of growth of the mobile market. Among the top 10 brands, Motorola saw the highest growth, driven by launches of affordable phones, while Samsung witnessed declining shipments despite their new lineup. "The first few months of the year have provided momentum for the smartphone market in India. However, the second half of the year will be crucial.

IDC estimates a modest overall annual growth in the mid-single digits for 2024," says Navkendar Singh, Associate Vice President, Devices Research, IDC.

In the first quarter of this year, 23 million 5G smartphones were shipped, and the share of 5G smartphone shipments increased to 69%, up from 46% in 1Q23. However, the ASPs (Average Selling Price) of 5G smartphones dropped to \$337, a decline of 21% YoY.



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PUBLIC NOTICE OF E-AUCTION SALE (for immovable properties)
(In terms of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest SARFAESI Act 2002)
Whereas the Authorised Officer of the Bank has issued a Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act 2002 and there after in exercise of powers under Section 13(12) of SARFAESI Act 2002 has taken possession of properties mortgaged to Bank under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act 2002. The undersigned in the capacity of Authorised Officer has decided for sale of the following properties to public by **E-auction** and invite bids from the intending purchasers for purchase of the immovable properties mentioned hereunder on **"AS IS WHERE IS & AS IS WHAT IS"** basis.

Name & Address of Borrower/s / Guarantor.	a) Date of Demand Notice b) Date of Possession c) Present outstanding dues	a) Date & Time for inspection of the property b) bid submission last date c) Date & Time of E-Auction	a) Reserve Price b) EMD Amount c) Bid Increase Amount
Borrower:- 1. Mr. Vijay Kumar K (Main Applicant/Borrower), S/o Mr.Krishnappa M, Residence address:- #No.225/1, BM Road, Ward No-1, Maruthi Nagar. Opp to RTO Office, Ramanagara-562159. 2. Mrs. Bhagyamma S (Co-Applicant/Co-Borrower) W/o. Vijay Kumar K, #No.225/1 BM Road Ward No.1, Maruthi Nagar Opp to RTO Office, Ramanagara-562159.	a) 19-09-2023 b) 21-11-2023 c) Rs.7,11,819.43 plus interest and costs charges etc.	a) 18-06-2024 Between 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM b) AS per MSTC guideline c) 20-06-2024 between 01:00 AM to 05.00 PM	a) Rs.14,58,000/- b) Rs.1,45,800/- c) Rs.25,000/-

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: Title/Gift DEED No.- 4399/2009-10, Dated : 16-10-2009
All that piece & parcel of Schedule Property bearing Municipal Khameshumari Khatha No.1099/168/110/4 , measuring East to West: 30 feets, North to South: 30 feets Situated at Krishnappanaddadi Village, Vaderahalli Dakle, Ramanagara Town and bounded on the **Bounded By:** East by: 5 Feet passage in same number and property gifted to K Santosh Kumar, West by: Property of Karithimmaiah, North by: Property of Gopalaiah, South by: Site of Nagesh.
In the name of :- **Mr.Vijay Kumar K, S/o M Krishnappa**

A/C No. 28050210000045, IFSC Code : UCBA0002805, UCO Bank, Ramanagara (2805) Branch, Ramanagara.

Details of known encumbrances: Not Known

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Sale shall be subjected to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Detailed terms and Conditions of the sale is available/ Published in the following websites/ Web Portal: i) <https://ibapi.in>, ii) <https://mstcecommerce.com/>
- The Properties are being sold on **"As is Where is Basis"** and **"As is What is Basis"** and **"Whatever There is Basis"**
- The Particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule herein above have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorized Officers, but the Authorized Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or Omission in this proclamation.
- The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website. <https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp> on date **20-06-2024 between 01:00 PM. to 05:00 PM**
- It is open to the Bank to appoint a representative and make self-bid and participate in the auction.
- The final decision is vested with Authorised Officer.

Date: 14-05-2024, Place: Ramanagara

Authorised Officer, UCO Bank



HDFC BANK LIMITED

Regd Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013
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NOTICE FOR REMOVAL OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS/HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Sr. No	Name of Borrower (s) / Legal heir (s) / Legal Representative(s)	Date of Demand Notice(s)	Date Of Possession	Description of Secured Asset(s) / Immovable Property (ies)
1	Mr. Muthyala Chandra Sekhar (Borrower)	30.10.2023	13.05.2024	Schedule -A: All that piece and parcel of residential converted property bearing Survey No.15/2, measuring 2 acre 13 guntas out of 4 acres 5 guntas, including 1 gunta karab land converted for residential purpose vide conversion order No.ALN-SR(S)24 of 2004-05, dated : 04.03.2005, issued by deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, having Property ID Property No.150200100100920497 and Panchayath E- Katha No.745/15/2, situated at Kadaagrahara Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on: East by: Remaining Portion of same Sy.No.15/2; West by: Land in Sy.No.15/1 belongs to Kurubana Ramaiah, North by: Road and remaining Portion of same Sy.No. 15/2; South by: Land belongs to Lakshmaiah Reddy in B.Hosahalli Village. Schedule -B: 328 Sq.ft, undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the land in schedule "A" Property (proportionate to the Schedule C Property). Schedule -C: A Residential Apartment bearing Flat No.040, Ground Floor, of the project "BAVISHA URBAN HOMES PHASE II" to be built in Schedule 'A' Property, having Panchayat E Katha No. 849/040, (PID No. 150200100100920649), with super built up area measuring 683 Sq.ft including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, Vitrified flooring, staircases and other area of common use together with right to use with one covered car parking space in the Still floor of the building, and bounded on: East by: Common Open Area, West by: Corridor and Flat No.039, North by: Duct and Flat No.041, South by: Duct and Flat No.038.
2	Mr. Kaushik Kumar Das (Borrower) and M/S The Premium (Co-Borrower),	11.10.2023	13.05.2024	Schedule-A: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing converted Sy.No.48, present BBMP Katha No.2442/Sy.No.48, Municipal No.07, (converted vide the order of the Special Deputy Commissioner dated 05/03/2010, bearing No.ALN(EVH)SR-232/2009-10), situated at Munnekolala Village, Varthur Hobli, Earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, now coming under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, measuring about 23 Guntas, and bounded on the East by: Chandra Reddy's property and Thubarahalli boundary; West by: Raod; North by: Portion of Sy.No.48 belonging to S.ri A. Muni Reddy; South by: Road. Schedule-B: 335 Sq. feet undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in schedule 'A' above. Schedule-C: Flat bearing No.009, in the Ground Floor, measuring about 1180 Sq.feet super Built up area, containing two bed rooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring together with One Covered Car Parking Space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multistoried residential building known as "SARANYAENCLAVE" constructed over schedule 'A' Property.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **HDFC Bank Limited** (erstwhile HDFC Limited) having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (**HDFC**). This Public Notice is issued in view of the fact that HDFC has not been able to communicate / establish contact with the aforesaid Borrower (s) / Legal heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) at his / her / their last known address as per HDFC's records.

Whereas the Authorised Officer of HDFC in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (SARFAESI Act) has issued Demand Notice (s) to the Borrower (s) / Legal heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) on the dates mentioned above.

On the Borrower (s) / Legal heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) failure to comply with the said Demand Notice (s) within the period set out therein, the Authorized Officer of HDFC has taken over possession of the immovable property (ies) / Secured Asset (s) more particularly described in the said Demand Notice (s), under Section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on the dates mentioned above.

At the time of taking over possession of the said immovable property (ies) / Secured Asset (s), the Authorised Officer of HDFC has drawn up an inventory of personal belongings and household goods lying therein, copy whereof can be collected from the undersigned on any working day during office hours.

In the circumstances, Notice is hereby given, to the said Borrower (s) / Legal heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to forthwith remove the personal belongings / household goods lying in the aforesaid immovable property (ies) / Secured Asset (s)) within 10 (ten) days from the date hereof, failing which the Authorised Officer will have to have no other option but to remove the personal belongings/household goods and dispose off / deal with it in the manner as may be deemed fit, entirely at the Borrower (s) / Legal heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) risk as to cost and consequences, in which event, no claim will be entertained in this regard in future.

Date: 15.05.2024
Place: Bangalore

Sd/-Authorised Officer
HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002



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भारत सरकार का उपकार

Union Bank of India
A Government of India Undertaking

Regional Office: 2254, "Koushalya", 3rd Floor, South Wing, Vinoba Road, Mysore - 570 005

POSSESSION NOTICE
(See Rule 8(1)Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the Undersigned being the authorised officer of **Union Bank of India**, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Sec 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to repay the amount together with the future interest till payment within 60days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s, Guarantor/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sec 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on below mentioned date.

The Borrower/s and Guarantor/s in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the Union Bank of India, for an amount mentioned in the below column + interest and costs thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13of the Act, in respect of time available to the borrower to redeem the secured assets.

Union Bank of India, Harohalli Branch, Kempaiah Building, Harohalli Village & Post, Ramanagara - 562112. Ph: 09321414581

Sl. No.	Name & Address of the Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagor	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Total Dues	Description of the Immovable Properties	Date of Possession Taken
1.	1. Mr. Ilyas Pasha, S/o Abdul Sattar, # 160 Janatha Colony, Harohalli Village & Post, Kanakapura -562117, 2. Mrs. Ayisha Bai, W/o Ilyas Pasha, # 160 Janatha Colony, Harohalli Village & Post, Kanakapura - 562117	09.01.2024 Rs. 14,93,918/-	Rs. 14,45,202/- (Plus Interest)	All the Part and Parcel of Residential House in the Name of Ilyas Pasha, Property Bearing Khameshumari No. 1479/85/7880, New Katha No 1477/880, Janatha Colony, Harohalli Village, Kanakapura, Measuring E-W: 40ft, N-S: 42 Total 1680 Sqft. Bounded By: East: House of Siddaiah, West: Road, North: Site of Jagadish, South: Road.	09-05-2024
2.	1. Mr. Srikanthiah G C S/o Late Chame Gowda, Gottigehalli Village, Harohalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramangara-562117 2. Mr. Shivanna T, S/o, Thimmgowda, Gottigehalli Village, Harohalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara -562112	06.01.2023 Rs. 4,57,087/-	Rs. 4,28,565/- (Plus Interest)	All the Part and the Parcel of Residential House in the Name of Mr. Srikanthiah, Bearing Property No 24/87/A, Khameshumari No. 19/87, Gottigehalli Village, Harohalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramangara Dist. Measuring E-W: 43ft, N-S: 45ft, Total 1935sqft. Bounded By: East: Property of Bahdegowda, West: Shankarappa G N Shivanna's Property, North: Property of Smt Chikkanajamma and Road, South: Property of Smt Thayi Muddamma.	09-05-2024

Union Bank of India, Mylanayakana Hosahalli Branch, Bevoor Road, Opp-Govt Middle School, Mylanayakahosalli Village, Channapatna Taluk, Ramangara - 562160

3.	1. M/s. Kabbalamma Agarbathi Unit, Prop: Sowmya U M, W/o Borelingegowda, Mylanayakanahosahalli Village, Channapatna Taluk, Ramangara Dist. 2. Mr. Borelingegowda S/o Puttaswamy, Mylanayakanahosahalli, Village, Channapatna Taluk, Ramangara Dist.	09.01.2024 Rs. 18,27,771/-	Rs. 20,26,357/- (Plus Interest)	All the Part and the Parcel of Residential House in the Name of Borelingegowda, Khamesumari No. 490/447, Property No 152900101600320009, Mayalanayakanahosahalli Village, Maylanayakanahalli Grama Panchayath, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramangara Dist. Measuring E-W 39ft, N-S 20 Ft. Total 780 Sqft. Bounded By: East: Govt Road, West: Applicants Donar's Property, North: Path Road, South: Applicants Donar's Property.	09-05-2024
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Union Bank of India, Channapatna Branch, No.2911/4-10, B.M. Road, Kuvempunagara, Channapatana, Ramanagara Dist-562160. Ph: 08105899525

4.	1. Mr. Ningeegowda S/o, Ujjanahalli (peehalli) Village, Singarajapura, Virupashipura Hobli, Channapatana. (1st Main, 1st Cross, 470 Mahadeshwara Nagara Housing Board, Channapatana, Ramangara.) 2. Mrs. Rathnamma W/o Ningeegowda Raju, Ujjanahalli (peehalli) Village, Singarajapura, Virupashipura Hobli, Channapatana. (1stmain, 1st Cross, 470 Mahadeshwara Nagara Housing Board, Channapatana, Ramangara.)	04.07.2023 Rs. 17,13,485/-	Rs. 17,60,562/- (Plus Interest)	All the Part and the Parcel of Residential House in the Name of Mr. Ningeegowda & Mrs. Rathnamma, Bearing Municipal Katha No Lig-470, LIG Extension KHB S&S, CMC, Mahadeshwarangara, Channapatana Town, Ramangara Dist, Measuring East-West: 9mts, North-South: 12mts, Total 108 Sqmts. Bounded By: East: Site No 471, West: Site No 469, North: 6mt Road, South: Site No 461.	09-05-2024
5.	1. M/s. Rural Welfare And Development Association, Keremegala Doddi, Honniganahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna, Ramangara Dist. 2. Mr. Manjunath N S/o Nagaraju, 1914/73, Maruluhola (M.G Badavaen), 3rd Cross, 2nd Main, Mangalavarpete, Thittamaranahalli Grama Panchayath, Channapatna, Ramanagara Dist.	08.01.2024 Rs. 7,59,194/-	Rs. 7,89,220/- (Plus Interest)	All the Part and the Parcel of Residential House in the Name of Manjunath N. Property No Khameshumari No. 156/4b/2, Katha No. 9/8, Mangalavarpete, Thittamaranahalli, Gramapanchayath, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatana Taluk, Ramangara. Measuring East-West: 30 Ft, North-South: 36 Ft. Total 1080 Sq Ft. Bounded By: East: Property of Mahadevaiah, West: Property of Shivrajajiah, North: Road, South: Property of Kenchappa.	09-05-2024

Date: 09-05-2024
Place: Mysore

Sd/- Authorized Officer
Union Bank of India



JODHPUR VIDYUT VITARAN NIGAM LIMITED
(IT WING)

NEW POWER HOUSE, INDUSTRIAL AREA, JODHPUR-342003

E – PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
E-procurement tenders are invited for "REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR For Providing BULK SMS Gateway (Push SMS) Services for JdVNNL" under TN-IT-38, (UBN No. JVV2324SLOB00825).
Details regarding work, Tender cost, Earnest money, Date of tender opening etc. are available at our website energy.rajjasthan.gov.in/jdvnnl & sppp.rajjasthan.gov.in. The bidders, in their own interest are requested to read very carefully the tender documents before submitting the bid only through on line on website www.eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in.
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TENDER NOTICE
For more details please visit : E-Tendering Portal, <https://tenders.kerala.gov.in> or www.kmml.com

Sl No	Tender Id	Items
1	2024_KMML_672647_1	AMC for Electric Hoists/ Mechanical Hoists for 2024-2025
2	2024_KMML_672473_1	Cold Insulation of Methanol Lines.
3	2024_KMML_672183_1	For the supply of Nose Ring for Roaster – 1 No.
4	2024_KMML_672382_1	For the supply of 3078.00 MT of Sodium Silicate.
5	2024_KMML_672754_1	Work of providing One Back Hoe Excavator (Hiachi120LC, Equivalent or More) on Hourly Hire Basis for one year.
6	2024_KMML_672628_1	For the supply of Pipe SS304 Seamless

Chavara 14.05.2024 Sd/- Managing Director for The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd



ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Vineeth K Bhat/ Rashmi Sheno/ LBBNG00001080113/ LBBNG00001272911	Schedule "A" of Property (Description of The Entire Property) All That Piece and Parcel of The Property Bearing Sy. No.183, Duly Converted By The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, Vide Conversion Order No. B.DIS.ALN.SR(S) 150/91-92, Dated 17-12-1991, Rajarajeshwar Cmc., Katha No.3914, Situated at Halagevaderahally Village, Rajarajeshwar Nagar, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Measuring 44,800 Square Feet, Bounded on The: East By: Shakthi Hill Resort, West By: 40 Feet Road, North By: Rest of The Owner's Property, South By: Rest of The Owner's Property. Schedule-B (Description of Undivided Share Conveyed) An Undivided Share of 650.78 Sq.ft Lands on The Schedule 'A' Property. Schedule-C (Description of The Flat Hereby Conveyed) A Two Bed Room Flat Bearing No. D-23/2B, on The Ground Floor in Apartment Building Known As The "Best Apartments" Constructed in The Property Described in Schedule A Hereto, With A Built Up Area of 1160 Square Feet, Along With Exclusive Right To Use of One Car Park, Bounded As Follows: East By: Central Court Yard, West By: Open Space, North By: Flat No.G-24/3B, South By: Flat No. G-22/3B./ Date of Symbolic Possession on 09/05/2024	12.02.2024 Rs. 8,51,488.00/-	Bangalore
2.	D Shreyas Narasimha/ M V Padmal/ LBBNG00005344239/ LBBNG00005109605	Schedule of Property All That Piece and Parcel of The Residential Flat Bearing No. GF-9, Constructed in The Ground Floor of The Residential Condominium Called As "Suryukha Enclave", Situated at Halagevaderahally Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Which Locality is Presently Addressed As 1 Main, 5th Cross, Berni 5th Stage, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore- 560 098, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore. Which is Coming Under The Limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Measuring 1110 Sq.ft of Super Built Up Area With 255 Sq.ft of Undivided Right. Title, Interest, Share in The Land Comprehending The Aforesaid Flat Along With One Covered Car Parking Slot in The Basement. Further Together With Right To Common Amenities, Common Facilities and Common Areas./ Date of Symbolic Possession on 09/05/2024	12.02.2024 Rs. 15,21,292.00/-	Bangalore
3.	Surajman Vishvakarma/ Vandana Singh/ LBBNG00005495452/ LBBNG00005495454	Schedule "A" of Property All That Vacant Plot Presently Bearing Bmp Katha No. 339/ 267/256/268/257/1, Measuring 16720 Square Feet, Earlier Portion of Converted Land Being Portion of Land Bearing Survey No. 156/1, (Converted Vide Official Memorandum Bearing No. BDIS/ALN/SR/(N)24/2003- 04, Dated 01.09.2003, Issued By The Special Deputy Commissioner (R), Bangalore District, Bangalore), Situated at Ululali Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Now Within The Jurisdiction of The Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and Bounded As Per The Official Memorandum Follows:- On The East : Road; North : H. B. Shivakumar and Private Property; South: Road and Bda Property; Schedule-"B" (Description of The Apartment) Apartment No.309 In The Third Floor, In The Building Known As "SS Swadhama" To Be Constructed on The Schedule 'A' Property With A Super Built-Up Area of 1160 Square Feet (Together With All Common Areas Attributable Thereto With Limited Access To The Terrace Area, That is Lift Room and Water Tank For Repairs) An Undivided 326 Sq.ft. Share in The Land Comprising in The Schedule 'A' Property, and With One Car Parking Space Bearing No.309 in The Basement./ Date of Symbolic Possession on 09/05/2024	24.01.2024 Rs. 49,62,935.00/-	Bangalore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
Date: May 15, 2024
Place: Bangalore

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited



JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.
(A scheduled commercial bank)

NOTICE OF SALE THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY
SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS CHARGED TO THE BANK UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002. (SARFAESI ACT)

The undersigned as Authorized Officer of Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., has taken over Physical Possession of the schedule property under the SARFAESI Act. The Authorized Officer of **M/s. Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd.**, had already conducted multiple public auctions for selling the property, but they turned out to be unsuccessful as no bids were received. Hence please be informed that if the total outstanding dues in the aforesaid loan account are not paid within **Fifteen (15) Days** from the date of this publication of this notice, then the Authorized officer will proceed for sale via private treaty of the property as stated below.

Public at large is informed that the secured property as mentioned in the Schedule are available for sale through Private Treaty, as per the terms agreeable to the Bank for realization of Bank's dues on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"**.

Standard terms & conditions for sale of property through Private Treaty are as under:

- Sale through Private Treaty will be on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"**.
- The purchaser will be required to deposit 25% of the sale consideration on the next working day of receipt of Bank's acceptance of offer for purchase of property and the remaining amount within 15 days thereafter.
- The purchaser has to deposit 10% of the offered amount along with application which will be adjusted against 25% of the deposit to be made as per clause (2) above.
- Failure to remit the amount as required under clause (2) above, will cause forfeiture of amount already paid including 10% of the amount paid along with application.
- In case of non-acceptance of offer of purchase by the Bank, the amount of 10% paid along with the application will be refunded without any interest.
- The purchaser should conduct due diligence on all aspects related to the property (under sale through private treaty) to his satisfaction. The purchaser shall not be entitled to make any claim against the Authorized Officer/ Secured Creditor in this regard at a later date.
- The Bank reserves the right to reject any offer of purchase without assigning any reason.
- In case of more than one offer, the Bank will accept the highest offer.
- The interested parties may contact the Authorized Officer for further details/ clarifications and for submitting their application.
- The purchaser has to bear all stamp duty, registration fee, and other expenses, taxes, duties, society dues in respect of purchase of the property.
- Sale shall be in accordance with the provisions of SARFAESI Act Rules.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Borrower/ Co-borrowers	Amount as per 13(2) Demand Notice under SARFAESI Act.	Reserve price for private treaty
1	30258310000516	1) Mr. Venkatesh A M, 2) Mrs. Sumana	Rs.5,83,324.00 (Rupees Five lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Three Hundred And Twenty Four Only) as of 31-07-2020	Rs.5,25,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Only)
		Details of Secured Assets: Schedule-A (Description of Immoveable Property): All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted lands totally measuring about 11.5 acres & 18 guntas including the Kharab land in Sy.No.39/1, 39/2, 40/3 and 42/1 all situated at M.Medehalli, Attibelehobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural Taluk Bangalore and Bounded on the: North by: Maya Sandra Gadi, South by: Lands in Survey No.41, East by: Lands in Survey No.43, West by: Road. Description of Residential Unit: Residential Apartment Bearing No.A-305 Third Floor of Tower-04A, consists of One Hall, One Bed Room, Kitchen, Bathroom and a balcony, in the residential Apartment Complex known as "Janaadhar Shubha" constructed on the Schedule-"A" Property having a super built up area of 400 square feet with vitrified flooring and on the proportionate share in the common areas, such as passages, stairs, ducts well and/or rooms water, drainage and/ or electrical conduits and/or other areas used in common with the purchasers of other Apartments. The undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' property mentioned above works out to 195 square feet.		
2	30258300000500	1) Mrs. Mahadevamma Chandrappa, 2) Mr. Rupesh, 3) Mr. Santhosh Jadhav	Rs.6,28,232.25 (Rupees Six Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Two And Twenty Five Paise Only) due as on 13-08-2023	Rs.5,25,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Only)
		Details of Secured Assets: Schedule-A (Description of Immoveable Property): All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted lands totally measuring about 11 Acres and 18 Guntas including the Kharab Land in Survey Nos.39/1, 39/2, 40/3 and 42/1 all situated at M.Medehalli, Attibelehobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, and Bounded on the: East by: Lands in Survey No.43, West by: Road, North by: Mayasandra Gadi, South by: Lands in Survey No. 41. Schedule-B (Property to be Conveyed): The undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' property mentioned above works out to 195 Square Feet. Schedule-C (Apartment): Residential Apartment bearing No.B-301, Katha No.549, Assessment No.T-8-B-301, Third Floor of Tower-8, consists of One Hall, One Bed Room, Kitchen, Bath Room and a balcony, along with covered car parking space bearing No.8 in Tower No.8, in the Residential Apartment Complex known as "JANAADHAR SHUBHA" construction on the Schedule 'A' Property, having a super built up area of 400 Sq.ft with vitrified flooring and the proportionate share in the common areas such as passages, stairs, ducts, well and/or rooms/water, drainage and/or electrical conduits and/or other areas used in common with the Purchaser/s of other Apartment/s.		
3	30258310000173	1) Mr. Kiran Kumar Ramamurthy, 2) Mrs. Lakshmi Devi, 3) Mr. Eshwar	Rs.9,19,331.00 (Rupees Nine Lakhs Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty One Only) as of 05-08-2020	Rs.5,25,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Only)
		Details of Secured Assets: Schedule-A (Description of Immoveable Property): All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted lands totally measuring about 11 acres and 18 Guntas including the kharab land in Sy.No.39/1, 39/2, 40/3 and 42/1 all situated at M. Medehalli, Attibelehobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural Taluk Bangalore and Bounded on the: North by: Maya Sandra Gadi, South by: Lands in Survey No.41, East by: Lands in Survey No.43, West by: Road. Schedule-'B' Property: Property to be conveyed: The undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' property mentioned above works out to 195 square feet. Schedule-'C' Description of Residential Unit: Residential Apartment Bearing No.B-108, First Floor of Tower-01, consists of One Hall, One Bed Room, Kitchen, Bathroom and a balcony, in the residential Apartment Complex known as "Janaadhar Shubha" constructed on the Schedule-"A" Property having a super built up area of 400 square feet with vitrified flooring and on the proportionate share in the common areas, Such as passages, stairs, ducts well and/or rooms water, drainage and/ or electrical conduits and/or other areas used in common with the purchasers of other Apartments.		
4	30258300000312	1) Mr. Kiran Kumar R, 2) Mrs. Poovitha, 3) Mr. Anuraj C	Rs.7,52,553.00 (Rupees Seven Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Three Only) as of 05-08-2020	Rs.5,25,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Only)
		Details of Secured Assets: Schedule-A (Description of Immoveable Property): All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted lands totally measuring about 11 acres and 18 Guntas including the kharab land in Sy.No.39/1, 39/2, 40/3 and 42/1 all situated at M. Medehalli, Attibelehobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural Taluk Bangalore and Bounded on the: North by: Maya Sandra Gadi, South by: Lands in Survey No.41, East by: Lands in Survey No.43, West by: Road. Schedule-'B' Property: Property to be conveyed: The undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' property mentioned above works out to 195 square feet. Schedule-'C: Description of Residential Unit: Residential Apartment Bearing No.B-203, Second Floor of Tower-01, consists of One Hall, One Bed Room, Kitchen, Bathroom and a balcony, in the residential Apartment Complex known as "Janaadhar Shubha" constructed on the Schedule-"A" Property having a super built up area of 400 square feet with vitrified flooring and on the proportionate share in the common areas, Such as passages, stairs, ducts well and/or rooms water, drainage and/ or electrical conduits and/or other areas used in common with the purchasers of other Apartments.		
5	302583100000045	1) Mr. Kumaravelan B, 2) Mrs. Kalpana K, 3) Parashuram R	Rs.4,45,312.00 (Rupees Four Lakhs Forty Five Thousand Three Hundred and Twelve Only) as of 02-07-2020	Rs.5,25,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Only)
		Details of Secured Assets: Schedule-A (Description of Immoveable Property): All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted lands totally measuring about 11 acres and 18guntas including the kharab land in Sy.No.39/1, 39/2, 40/3 and 42/1 all situated at M. Medehalli, Attibelehobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural Taluk Bangalore and Bounded on the: North by: Mayasandra Gadi, South by: Lands in Survey No.41, East by: Lands in Survey No.43, West by: Road. Schedule-B: Undivided share in the Schedule 'A' property which works out of 195 sq. ft. of built up area. Schedule-C: Description of Residential Unit: Residential Apartment Bearing No.B-104 Khata No.31		



Raphael Varane announced on Tuesday he will leave Manchester United at the end of the season when his contract expires following a three-year spell at Old Trafford. The former France defender, 31, arrived at the club from Real Madrid in 2021 for an initial fee of about £34 million (\$43 million) and has made 93 appearances, scoring twice.

NO RESERVE DAY FOR SECOND SEMIFINAL

The world body have allotted no reserve day for the second semifinal, to be held in Guyana. Only the first semifinal and the final will have reserve days. However, for the Guyana encounter, the ICC have allotted an additional hour or extra time to get a result.

IF INDIA ADVANCE, THEY WILL PLAY SEMI IN GUYANA

Coincidentally, the Men In Blue have been allotted to second semifinal in Guyana, if they qualify. It's likely they have been given this semifinal keeping in mind the TV audience (this will be a day game, with the first semifinal being a night affair).



ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

The International Cricket Council (ICC) published the playing conditions for the men's T20 World Cup. A look at some of the points...

10 OVERS TO CONSTITUTE A GAME

Both teams will have to play at least 10 overs in all three knockout games for it to constitute a match. In the first two group phases, though, the team batting second only has to bat five overs for it be considered a match.

UNLIMITED SUPER OVERS, SUBJECT TO A CAVEAT

If the first Super Over is tied, 'subsequent Super Overs shall be played until there is a winner,' according to the conditions. But it will be subject to 'unavoidable time constraints (having to switch off floodlights, for example)' or due to bad weather.

Mystery of Neeraj's 'guest' show

Javelin ace, the reigning Olympic & world champion, expected to compete on Wednesday

INDRANEEL DAS @ Bhubaneswar

REALITY hits you hard when you least expect it. Tuesday was one such day. At the playing or the warm-up arena, the name of Neeraj Chopra was discussed in every conversation. Perspective changed after a conversation with an amicable cabbie. The name Neeraj definitely is famous but the craft he practices?

While on the way to the Kalinga Stadium for the third day of the National Federation Senior Athletics Competition the discussion with the cab driver naturally veered towards athletics. The conversation went something like this. "What sporting event is going on at Kalinga Stadium?" asked the cabbie. "Athletics," was the reply. "Ye kaun sa sport hain ji (What sport is this)?", asked the cabbie. "Running, jumping, throwing..." was the reply. "Aachha (ah, okay)," said the cabbie. He must have heard about Neeraj Chopra? "Haan suna hai ye naam (definitely, heard that name). International player hai." There was a pause... then came the confirmation: "Footballer?" Well. "We follow football and hockey here and know cricketers," said the cabbie. Sometimes it's best to leave things as it is.

Minutes later, at the warm-up area there was a buzz. Javelin thrower Kishore Jena, who finished fifth at the World Championships in Budapest last year and won silver at Asian Games, was walking towards the warm-up area. A few photographers were trying to take pictures. Suddenly, someone tried to stop them from entering the warm-up arena. Someone even said that he is a VIP and should be left alone. Mirror does have two faces.

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Javelin thrower Kishore Jena during training on Tuesday | SHAMIM QURESHY

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Men: 3000m steeplechase: Sumit Kumar (Madhya Pradesh) 8:39.67s, Dhuladev Baban (Maharashtra) 8:46.65s, Ankit Rajesh (Haryana) 8:46.97s; **Shot put:** Tajinderpal Singh Toor (Punjab) 20.38m, Samardeep Singh Gill (Madhya Pradesh) 18.93m, Aryan Tyagi (Uttar Pradesh) 18.07m; **Hammer throw:** Dammeet Singh (Punjab) 66.28m, Ashish Lakhar (Haryana) 66.24m, Devang (Delhi) 64.75m; **Long jump:** Jeswin Aldrin (Tamil Nadu) 7.99m, Arya S (Karnataka) 7.83m, Muhammed Anees (Kerala) 7.81m; **Women: 3000m steeplechase:** Chhavi Yadav (Madhya Pradesh) 10:07.57s, Komal Chandrakant J (Maharashtra) 10:18.69s, Manju Ajay Yadav (Madhya Pradesh) 10:19.21s; **Discus throw:** Nidhi Rani (Haryana) 52.55m, Shalini Chaudhary (Madhya Pradesh) 51.50m, Sunita (Haryana) 51.10m; **Pole vault:** Rosy Meena Paulraj (Tamil Nadu) 4.05m, Baranica Elangovan (Kerala) 4.00m, Mariya Jaisan (Tamil Nadu) 3.90m.

day of the competition. So he will arrive late on Tuesday and compete in the evening on Wednesday and leave. He left Doha after the Diamond League on Sunday. It is understood that commercial commitment could be one of the reasons for his lack of time.

That leaves us with another question. Why is he at all here? This, however, was cleared during a press conference. Athletic Federation of India president Adil Sumariwalla said that it is compulsory for all athletes, including those training abroad, to take part at the senior inter-state nationals at Panchkula in June. "Since he will be participating at the Paris Diamond League (July), the inter-state is clashing, so we have given him exemption," said Sumariwalla.

The AFI has also tweaked the qualification criteria allowing those throwers who have thrown over 75m can be part of the final on Wednesday. The AFI chief said that they have done this keeping in mind the athletes' benefit.

Perhaps, AFI has missed out on a great opportunity to promote the sport. The Olympic and World champion usually

doesn't come to India to compete because of international commitments, which is understandable. Waiving qualification too is fine. But for an athlete of his stature mere presence is enough to boost the profile of the event. He need not throw but he can at least spend some time and interact with younger athletes and motivate them further.

35 likely for Oly: Afi chief

The AFI chief said that he is expecting at least 35 athletes including the 4x400m relay teams to qualify for the Paris Olympics. Sumariwalla said that in 2012 there were some 12 athletes and that is expected to swell to 35 this time. He also reiterated that all athletes must compete at the inter-state senior nationals in Panchkula next month. "That will be the last chance for qualification," he said.

"Twenty athletes have achieved automatic qualification criteria set up by World Athletics. While 11 athletes will qualify through the world ranking system. We are expecting five more athletes to make the cut for the Olympic Games before June 30," he added.

Porel, Stubbs provide final push of the season for Delhi

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Chennai

DELHI Capitals signed off their league obligations with a 19-run win against Lucknow Super Giants on Tuesday. However, the hosts, with 14 points, will have to depend on a couple of teams doing them multiple favours in the final league matches of the season. What complicates matters for them is their inferior Net Run Rate when compared to some of their direct rivals to make the elimination phase of the competition. Right now, they are in fifth but have to hope for one of two things to come to fruition. They will want Sunrisers Hyderabad to suffer two big defeats or one of Chennai or Bengaluru to hand a thrashing to the other.

After their batters suffered a rare off day against Royal Challengers Bengaluru, they returned to their boundary-hitting ways at home. After being asked to bat, they did lose Jake Fraser-McGurk but that didn't deter Abhishek Porel from taking the attack to the opposition in the powerplay. In earlier matches, he watched the Australian set the tempo. On Tuesday, he was that man as he took a specific liking to Arshad Khan's genteel medium as he hit three boundaries and one huge six over mid-wicket.

After Porel departed, the finishing kick was provided by Tristan Stubbs, who has made it a habit of bludgeoning the ball at will at multiple venues. Rishabh Pant, Shai Hope and Porel all contributed but without the South African's shape-shifting innings, Delhi may have struggled to breach 200 (208/4). After beginning the innings a bit watchfully (seven off nine), he also took a special liking to Arshad, with one slot ball disappearing over long on the proverbial 'flicking the switch' moment. Next, he teed off against the previously unhittable Mohsin Khan for another six in the same area. Like most elite finishers, Stubbs rarely loses balance and backs himself to clear the fence at will. He also has multiple shots in his arsenal so bowling to him can be a pain-inducing exercise.



Tristan Stubbs scored 57 runs off 25 balls including four sixes for Delhi Capitals | AP

ROYALS SEEK TURNAROUND

With Rajasthan Royals facing Punjab Kings in Guwahati, a look...

OLD PATTERN RETURNS

It's not that we haven't seen this before. RR would start the campaign with a series of victories and then go into a slump. This year, too, it has happened. Luckily, they are relatively safe. However, another win gets them closer to a top-two finish. Can they?

KOHLER-CADMORE IN?

With Jos Buttler leaving for national duties, it will be interesting to see who replaces him in the playing XI. RR could move up Sanju Samson and play Rovman Powell and Shimron Hetmyer, strengthening their middle-order. Or they could just bring in Tom Kohler-Cadmore.



DEPLETED KINGS LOOK FOR POSITIVES

With several players set to leave for national duties, Punjab are all but out of playoff contention. In a season where the youngsters have been their pillars, the Kings would look to have a couple of good games before signing off in Hyderabad.

Rajasthan Royals vs Punjab Kings, Guwahati

Live on Star Sports and JioCinema, 7.30PM

Teams	P	W	L	Pts	NRR
KKR (Q)	13	9	3	19	1.42
RR (Q)	12	8	4	16	0.34
CSK	13	7	6	14	0.52
SRH	12	7	5	14	0.40
DC	14	7	7	14	-0.37
RCB	13	6	7	12	0.38
LSG	13	6	7	12	-0.78
GT (E)	13	5	7	11	-1.06
MI (E)	13	4	9	8	-0.27
PBKS (E)	12	4	8	8	-0.42

* - until the end of DC vs LSG match

Naveen-ul-Haq found this out in the 19th over thanks to a tennis-like pull shot which sailed over the sight screen. A couple

of balls later, he brought out a Virat Kohli-like textbook inside-out drive for another six. By the time the 20 overs was up, nine off seven had become 57 off 25 (48 off 18). Lucknow, mathematically still in with a chance despite the defeat, lost as many as four wickets in the powerplay. From thereon, things went downhill despite Nicholas Pooran's 61. Once Pooran got out, Arshad Khan (58 n.o.) tried his best till the end, but it was not enough as LSG could only make 189/9. **Brief scores:** DC 208/4 in 20 ovs (Stubbs 57 n.o., Porel 58, Hope 38, Pant 33; Naveen 2/5) **bt** LSG 189/9 in 20 ovs (Pooran 61, Arshad 58 n.o.; Ishant 3/34).

Jena confident of doing better in future meets

TANMAY DAS @ Bhubaneswar

INDIAN javelin thrower and local star Kishore Jena started his 2024 season with 76.31m and finished at the 9th place at the Doha Diamond League 2024 on Friday. However, Jena is confident of doing well at the Kalinga Stadium in front of the home crowd in the javelin throw final of the 27th National Federation Senior Athletics Competition 2024 on Wednesday.

"In my first diamond league I could not make the podium finish. But I was excited to get a chance to fight against many of the top throwers in the World. I made some technical errors which I will overcome soon. I had also got the opportunity to learn from the Doha event," said Jena.

"His training season for the Olympics is on, presently he is in higher load training. So it's not his pick to throw freely. As the days get closer to the Olympic games, he will improve his performance. I am confident Jena will do better," said coach Samarjeet Singh Malhi.

Modest results order of the day

INDRANEEL DAS @ Bhubaneswar

A DRIZZLE brought the temperature down by the time events at the National Federation Athletics Championships began in the evening. The weather cleared but the gloom was visible.

There were no records. That included the long-jump pit where national record holder Jeswin Aldrin was participating. There was gloom because he could not cross 8m. He finished at 7.99m but it was enough to fetch him the gold. Arya S jumped 7.83m for silver while Muhammed Anees Yahiya, whose personal best stands at 8.15m, jumped 7.81m for bronze. In the shot put area too, the dis-



Shot putter Tajinderpal Singh Toor in action on Tuesday | SHAMIM QURESHY

tance was modest. National record holder, Tajinderpal Singh Toor, who was competing, managed 20.38m, way short of his record of 21.77m. What

reflected the modest competition in shot put was the second-place finish. Samardeep Singh Gill hurled the iron to a distance of 18.93m while Aryan Tyagi claimed bronze with a throw of 18.07m. During a brief interaction, Toor said that he has had some discomfort in the back. "My back was hurting a bit today (Tuesday)," he said. "I have some family stress as well. Wife was not feeling well."

In a discipline where athletes should have made progress, men's steeplechase, the timing was below par as well. The best was Sumit Kumar (Madhya Pradesh), who managed 8:39.67s. In women's, Chhavi Yadav (Madhya Pradesh) managed 10:07.57s.

EXPRESS READ

Meiraba in main draw of Thai Open

BANGKOK: India's Meiraba Luwang Maisnam progressed to the main draw of the men's singles competition at the Thailand Open Super 500 tournament here on Tuesday. The 21-year-old beat compatriot Shashwat Dalal 15-21, 21-14, 21-16 and then notched up a 21-19, 21-9 win over Malaysia's Kok Jing Hong to enter the main draw. He will face fifth seed HS Prannoy on Wednesday.

Gaurav confirms medal at Elorda Cup

ASTANA: Indian pugilists Gaurav Chauhan moved into the men's 92+kg semifinals and confirmed a medal after a hard-fought 3-2 win over Danial Saparbay of Kazakhstan on Day 2 of the Elorda Cup 2024 on Tuesday. Meanwhile, six-time Asian Championships medalist Shiva Thapa went down fighting 1-4 against Abdull Almat in the 63.5kg bout. Sanjay (80kg) also exited the competition.

Swiatek in Italian Open quarterfinals

AGENCIES @ Rome

TOP-RANKED Iga Swiatek remained on course for an uncommon Madrid-Rome double after beating Angelique Kerber to reach the Italian Open quarterfinals.

It was a ninth straight win for Swiatek. The two-time Rome champion will next face Madison Keys after the American eased past Sorana Cirstea 6-2, 6-1. Swiatek needed eight set points to secure the opener but had no such problems at the end of the second, sealing a 7-5, 6-3 victory when Kerber's return went wide.

Two more Americans were through to the quarterfinals after Coco Gauff rallied to beat Paula Badosa 5-7, 6-4, 6-1 and Danielle Collins eased past Irina Camelia Begu 6-0, 6-3. Aryna Sabalenka fought back from a set down to beat Elina Svitolina. Victoria Azarenka, Jelena Ostapenko and Qinwen Zheng also advanced.

With German legend by his side, Anish thrives

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

ANISH Bhanwala is in a happy space at the moment. The proficient pistol shooter from the country has elevated his game in the last one year or so. That lift in confidence was evident during the ongoing Olympic Shooting Trials (OST) as he put up some rich scores to practically seal a spot in the men's 25m rapid fire pistol team for the upcoming Paris Olympics.

With an average tally of 585.3 across four trials held at two venues (Delhi and Bhopal), Anish, who signed off with a second-place showing on the concluding day (T4 finals) on Tuesday, was well ahead of the rest of the pack. Vijayveer Sidhu, who topped the T4 finals at the MP Shooting Academy, finished a distant second in the overall tally.

"Everybody started from zero and we had to perform during the trials. I'm happy with the scores that I put up. I'm thrilled



Anish Bhanwala | NRAI

that I'll be taking part in my first Olympics," Anish told this daily.

Anish made it look rather easy but this period of prosperity comes after setbacks. A former junior world champion, Anish's talent was undeniable. However, as is common with many budding athletes, he was finding it hard to translate his success at the junior level to the

senior international level. Despite predominantly being India No 1 in the senior level, something was amiss in his game. The lack of concrete answers then had cost him the chance to be part of the Tokyo Olympics. "In 2018, I was putting up decent scores to win medals in the Commonwealth Games. But in the all-important events like the World Championships, I was unable to cope with pressure. I was also lacking maturity I guess," he reflected.

A meeting with Ralf Schumann, a three-time Olympic champion, has been a turning point in his career. In fact, he had trained under Schumann before the trials as well. "I visited him quite often and trained under him. Thanks to TOPS (Target Olympic Podium Scheme), this was possible for me." Since the German has come on board, he has quite the medal haul — a first senior individual medal in Cairo (World Cup), a quota-winning bronze at the Asian Champion-

ships and the first Indian to medal at the ISSF World Cup final (in this event; all in 2023). "I don't have full-time training with him as we have a lot of competitions including the trials but I train with him whenever I get the chance," he said.

Anish's admiration for the legend of the sport was a given as he used to watch/re-watch his videos on YouTube. "I also learnt how to plan things, how to approach a competition, what to do after competition. He had a long career and those small inputs are also very valuable."

As far as technique goes, which is one of the key aspects in shooting, the 21-year-old from Karnal also learnt to keep things simple. "Most of the shooters have a few different techniques in their locker. He was someone who stuck with one and applied the same for the whole year. I tried to adopt the same. I feel if we keep things simple, it's much better. I look to stick to the basics."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Duran nets double as Villa hold Liverpool

AGENCIES @ Birmingham

JHON Duran struck twice in the final five minutes to salvage a 3-3 draw for Aston Villa against Liverpool but they fell short of guaranteeing a place in next season's Champions League on Monday.

Villa looked set for a fourth consecutive defeat in all competitions as an Emiliano Martinez own goal and strikes from Cody Gakpo and Jarrell Quansah put the visitors on course for victory in Jurgen Klopp's final away game in charge. But substitute Duran's double edged Unai Emery's men closer to Europe's top table for the first time since 1983.

Victory for title-chasing Manchester City at Spurs on Tuesday would secure Villa's place in the top four.

Mbappe to join Madrid: Tebas

BUENOS AIRES: La Liga president Javier Tebas says Paris



Aston Villa's Jhon Duran (R) celebrates scoring a goal against Liverpool | AFP

Saint-Germain striker Kylian Mbappe will join Real Madrid next season. The 25-year-old France captain announced last week he is leaving PSG at end of his contract this summer, without specifying his destination, and Madrid are poised to sign him after years of failed attempts. "He's Madrid's next season," Tebas told Argentine newspaper Ole on Monday.



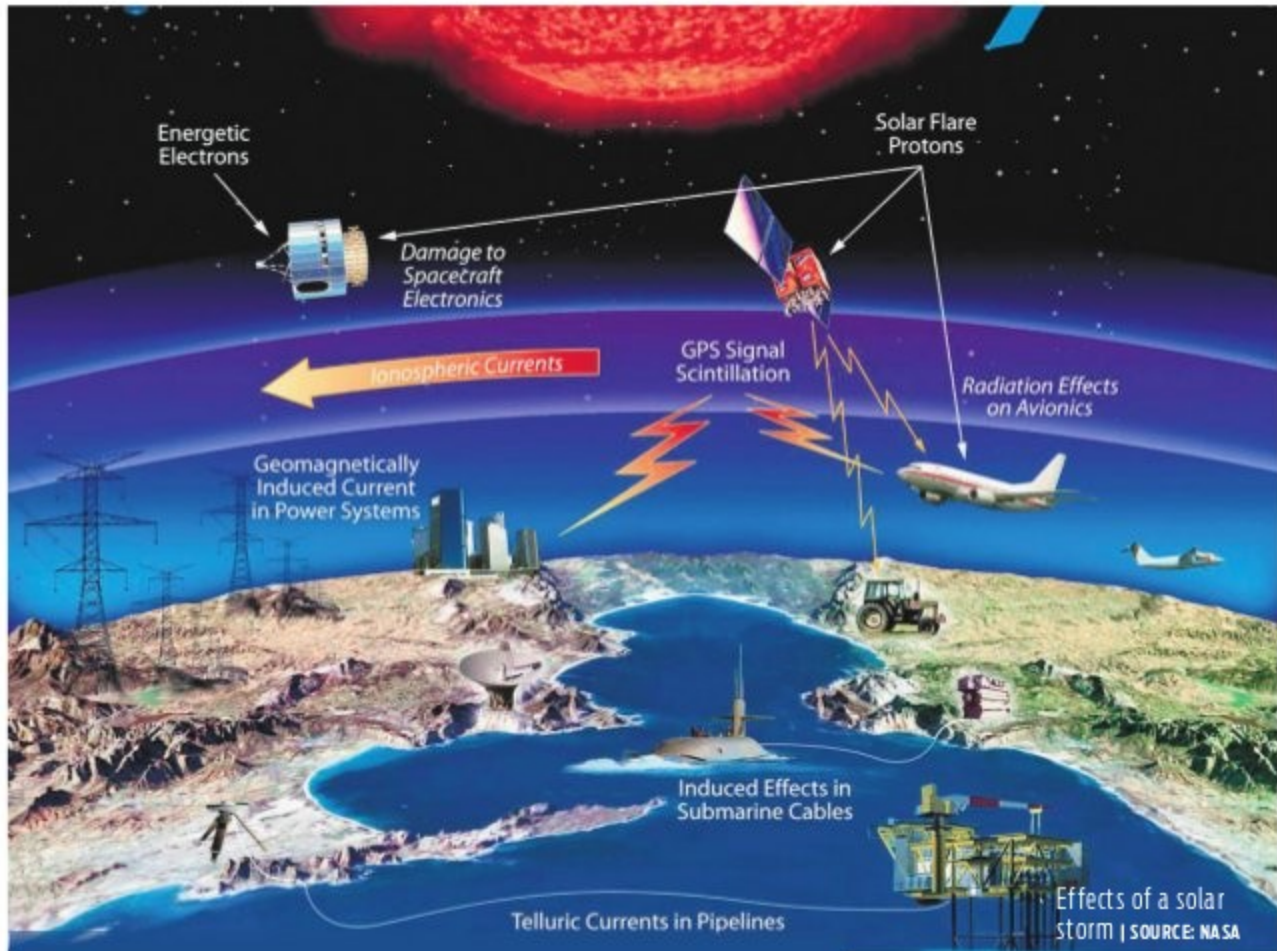
One can claim that chemical engineering was practised even by the ancient Greeks and Romans when they were making soap or wine, or treating ores in Lavrion or Sicily – Nikolaos A Peppas

HRITHIK KIRAN BAGADE

On May 12, 2024, the Earth played host to a spectacular celestial event. People from various swaths of the globe – from the Americas, Australia, Europe, and India – were surprised to see dazzling waves of light permeating the sky. This phenomenon, Aurorae, was seen over multiple locations for the first time. This dancing natural show of light, which is usually restricted to high altitude zones and over the Poles, was spotted over a wider geography. The Aurorae are caused by charged subatomic particles, mostly electrons, smashing against the Earth's atmosphere.

Originating from the Sun at regular intervals, they are most intense during times of greater solar activity. The Aurorae witnessed by millions of people on May 12 was an outcome of one of the most powerful solar storms in decades. At about 9.56 pm IST on that day, the peak intensity of a solar flare, which emanated from a region of the Sun's surface called sunspot Region 3664 (AR13664), as part of a solar storm, struck Earth. This was not a one-off occurrence; the previous few days (especially May 10 and 11) had also seen tremendous solar activity.

Around 1-3 am IST on May 11, a crimson glow lit up the dark sky over Ladakh in a rare stable Auroral red arc event at the Hanle Dark Sky Reserve, in the Himalayas, due to strong solar magnetic storms launched towards Earth. The solar storms or coronal mass ejections (CMEs) were also from AR13664, known to produce several high energy solar flares, some of which travel towards Earth at 800 kmps, according to scientists at the Centre of Excellence in Space Sciences in India (CESSI), Kolkata. Similarly, at 9.30 pm IST on May 10, the first of several CMEs – expulsions of plasma and magnetic fields from the Sun – were reported, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)'s Space Weather Prediction Center.



LIGHT BEFORE THE STORM

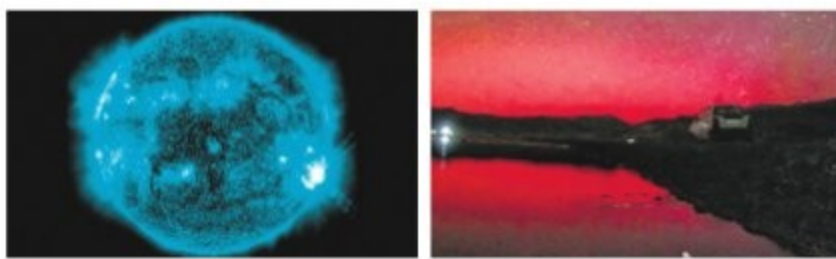
SOLAR STORMS RELEASE SCENIC AURORAE IN THE NIGHT SKY, BUT CAN ALSO CAUSE DAMAGE TO OUR TECHNOLOGY AND HEALTH ON EARTH

Intense activity

Solar storms are natural phenomena. The Sun is a hub of intense activity. Being our star, its activity has a direct impact/

correlation on the planets, moons, and other minor celestial bodies that inhabit the Solar System. Since the dawn of time, Earth has been in the crosshairs of innumerable solar storms, which have the ability to impact basic life.

According to NOAA, solar radiation storms occur when a large-scale magnetic eruption, often causing a coronal mass ejection and associated solar flare, accelerates charged particles in the solar atmosphere to very high velocities. Sometimes, these bursts are so intense that they translate into what is termed a solar storm. In other words, a solar storm is a disturbance on the Sun, which can get released outward across the heliosphere, affecting the entire Solar System, including Earth and its magnetosphere, and is the cause of space weather in the short-term with long-term patterns comprising space climate. "The most important particles are protons that can get accelerated to large fractions of the speed of light. At these velocities, the protons traverse 150 million km from the Sun to the Earth in just 10's of minutes or less. When they hit Earth, the fast-moving protons penetrate the magnetosphere that shields Earth from lower energy charged particles. Once inside the magnetosphere, the particles are guided down the magnetic field lines and



Solar flare on region AR13664 captured by NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory (left); The crimson red arc over Ladakh during the recent solar storm | PIC CREDIT: NASA & PTI

TYPES OF SOLAR STORMS

- Solar Flare**
A large explosion in the Sun's atmosphere caused by tangling, crossing or reorganising of magnetic field lines
- Coronal Mass Ejection (CME)**
CME is a massive burst of plasma from the Sun, sometimes associated with solar flare
- Geomagnetic Storm**
It relates to the interaction of the Sun's outburst with Planet Earth's magnetic field
- Solar Particle Event (SPE)**
It occurs when particles emitted by the Sun get accelerated in the Sun's atmosphere or in interplanetary space by a CME shock

penetrate into the atmosphere near the North and South poles," the science body says. The NOAA uses a standardised system – NOAA Space Weather Scales – to rank and categorise the severity of space weather events, specifically geomagnetic storms. Accordingly, it has categorised solar radiation storms on a scale S1-S5, akin to the scales that measure tornadoes and hurricanes in the Continental United States. NOAA's scale offers a clear framework to understand the potential impact of celestial disturbances on Earth and its technological infrastructure. It ranges from 1 (minor) to 5 (extreme) and is based on the effects on power systems, satellite operations and other technological systems, as well as the visibility of aurorae at specific geographical

latitudes. "This definition allows multiple injections from flares and interplanetary shocks to be encompassed by a single solar radiation storm. A solar storm can persist from some hours to even days," the NOAA adds.

By using this scale, NOAA aims to provide clear warnings and timely information to people, ensuring preparedness and mitigation during significant solar events.

Inevitable impact

By now, it is clear that solar radiation storms cause several impacts and upheavals on Earth. The rays of the Sun take 8.20 minutes to reach Earth, so we are talking about this radiation striking Earth within minutes at breathtaking speeds. The intensity of solar storms

can vary, with some being minor and causing little effect, while others being as powerful enough to disrupt Earth's magnetosphere and ionosphere, leading to significant technological disturbances.

When energetic protons collide with satellites or humans in space, they can penetrate deep into the object that they collide with, causing damage to electronic circuits and even DNA. During more extreme storms, passengers and crew in high-flying airliners at high latitudes may be exposed to radiation risk. Besides, the Sun's intense geomagnetic and energetic particle emissions are capable of causing large-scale power outages, disruption or black-outs of radio communication and GPS, damage or destruction of submarine communication cables, and temporary to permanent disabling of satellites, the internet, and other electronics, even as simple as the set top box at home.

The latest storm, although severe, did not cause major disruptions. Preliminary reports pointed at certain power grid flickers and fluctuating communications, which were up and running in time.

Bracing the storm

Humans, and the Earth, are insignificant in the Universe's larger scheme of things. In the event of a solar storm, there is little we can do to prevent it or even shield our planet from its effects. However, early warning systems have been improved that advise power grid and computer equipment shutdown, well in advance, to protect them.

NASA and the NOAA's Space Weather Prediction Center use satellites in the form of the Advanced Composition Explorer (ACE), and DSCOVR Deep Space Climate Observatory, which watch for corona injections and warn against approaching solar storms up to an hour before they strike Earth. Also, NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory studies irregularities on the solar surface. More recently, AI is helping enhance prediction, warning and reaction time, helping us brace ourselves better till the solar storm has passed.

MAJOR EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 1859

The Carrington Event was the most intense geomagnetic storm in recorded history. It created strong Auroral displays that were reported globally and caused sparking and even fires in multiple telegraph stations. The geomagnetic storm was most likely the result of a coronal mass ejection (CME) from the Sun colliding with Earth's magnetosphere

AUGUST 1972

This was the most extreme solar particle event (SPE) by some measures and the most hazardous to human spaceflight during the Space Age, causing accidental detonation of numerous magnetic-influence sea mines. It also saw the fastest CME transit time being recorded

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Kempe Gowda**, residing at No. E109, Ward 2, Chowdeshwari Ward, Nagahalli, Singanayakanahalli, Bangalore - 560 054. My client has lost the Absolute Sale Deed i.e., Site Number 81 formed in converted Survey Number 40, Puttenahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore, North Taluk, Bangalore, Measuring East to West: 30 feet & North to South: 40 feet. Bounded on: East by: Site number 82, West by: Site number 80, North by: Road, South by: Site Number 91. Registered Document Number 148/91-92, Book-1.

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WHEREAS, I after purchasing the said property myself had put a construction of a residential building during the year 2010-11 and thereafter myself and my family are residing in the said premises as this day. Whereas, during 2nd week of April 2024, I had approached Karnataka Bank Ltd., for availing a loan by mortgaging the said property at that time while verifying the title deeds I came to know the original title deed in respect of the above stated property which had been executed sale deed by BDA in favour of **G. Prabhudev** S/o. Late S. Govindaraj registered as document bearing No. 3096/2000-01, Book No. 1, Volume No. 61 at Page No. 55 to 59 registered on 05.01.2001 and the GPA executed by **G. Prabhudev** S/o. Late S. Govindaraj in favour of **M.G. Jeevanishigh** S/o. Late M.S. Govindasinh on 28.03.1995 to perform all his acts and deed and also to get the sale deed executed in his favour from BDA in respect of the above property was not found and I came to know that the said document is lost during course of shifting and in view of the same I had lodged a complaint to the jurisdictional police and the jurisdictional police has submitted a Lost report No. 1046188/2024 on 09.05.2024 by stating the document is lost.

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No.651/A, 1st Main Road, 'D' Block, 2nd Stage, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560010. Phone: 080- 2332 1923, 2332 8735, 2352 0466. E-mail: citizenbk@rediffmail.com

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **The Citizen Co-Op Bank Ltd.**, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated 14/09/2023 calling upon the borrower (1) **Mrs. Chanchu Lakshmi** W/o P Uma Maheshwar (2) **Mr. P. Uma Maheshwar** S/o Late P Chengamma Naidu both are residing at No.9, Varanasi Road, near Mother Theresa School, T C Palya, Anandapura, Bangalore-560036 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.18,54,520/-** (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Only) as on 02/09/2023 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the day of **9th May of the year 2024**.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **The Citizen Co-Op Bank Ltd., Rajajinagar, Bangalore**, for an amount of **Rs.18,54,520/-** (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Only) as on 02/09/2023 and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property
All that part and parcel of property bearing Site No.9, formed in property No.40/1, khatha No.40/1, situated at Varanasi alias Jinkathimmanahalli, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, within the Jurisdiction of BBMP Bangalore and measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South 28 feet, totally measuring 1120 sq. ft. and bounded by the following boundaries: East: 20 feet Road, West: Property belongs to Samararaju Mestri, North: Site No.10, South: Site No.8.

Place: Bangalore Sd/- Authorised Officer
Date: 09.05.2024 The Citizen Co-Op Bank Ltd.

THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LTD

ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH
Divisional Office Building, No.6, Shri Vasavi Temple Road, Near Sajjan Rao Circle, V V Puram, Bangalore - 560004

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

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DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Schedule A: All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing No.403 4th floor in Block No.22, Gram Panchayat E- Khatha No. 150200101300720409 having a of super built up area of 756 Sq.ft in the Residential Apartment known as "VBHC VAIBHAVA" together with 357 Sq.ft of Undivided share in the property situated at Byagadadenahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore and is bounded on: East by: Road, West by: Flat No.404, North by: Flat No.402, South by: Road.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in our Bank's Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.kvb.co.in/Property Under Auction also at the web portal BankAuctions.in/Foreclosureindia.com of the service provider, M/s. 4closure.

Statutory 15 Days' Notice under Rule 9(1) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002
The borrower/s and guarantor/s are hereby notified to pay the dues as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-Auction, failing which the Schedule property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 14.05.2024 Sd/- Authorized Officer
Place: Bangalore THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED

ತುಮಕೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ

ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಬಿ.ಹೆಚ್.ರಸ್ತೆ, ತುಮಕೂರು-572 103, ತುಮಕೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯವು 2024-25ನೇ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳ ಸ್ನಾತಕ/ ಸ್ನಾತಕೋತ್ತರ ಕೋರ್ಸುಗಳ ಸಂಯೋಜನೆ ನವೀಕರಣ, ಹೊಸ ಕೋರ್ಸು, ವಿಷಯ, ಭಾಷೆಗಳು, ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ಪ್ರವೇಶ ಪ್ರಮಾಣದ ಹೆಚ್ಚಳ, ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳ ಹೆಸರು ಬದಲಾವಣೆ, ಕಾಲೇಜಿನ ಸ್ಥಳ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ, ಆಡಳಿತ ಮಂಡಳಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ, ಶಾಶ್ವತ ಸಂಯೋಜನೆ, ಶಾಶ್ವತ ಸಂಯೋಜನೆ ನವೀಕರಣ, ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳ ಸ್ವಯಂ ಮುಚ್ಚುವಿಕೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಂಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಸಂಘ-ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು ಹೊಸ ಕಾಲೇಜನ್ನು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸಲು ಸಂಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆನ್-ಲೈನ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ <https://uucms.karnataka.gov.in/Login/Index> ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Flat bearing Municipal No. 59/9/1 (Old No. 102), Ground Floor, SIRI MERIDIAN, 13th Main Road, 4th Block, Jayanagar East, Bangalore measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South 60 feet with super built up area of 1075 sq feet bounded: East By - Road, West By - Flat No. 101, North By - Property No. 60, South By - Property No. 58.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in our Bank's Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.kvb.co.in/Property Under Auction also at the web portal BankAuctions.in/Foreclosureindia.com of the service provider, M/s. 4closure.

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Date: 14.05.2024 Sd/- Authorized Officer
Place: Bangalore THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED

PEENYA II STAGE BRANCH

No. 473, D(7), 13th Cross, 4th Phase, Peenya Industrial Area, Bengaluru - 560 058. Phone: 9535755732/968049737/8249052239 E-Mail: cb2454@canarabank.com

(Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable/ Movable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and/or Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Peenya II Stage Branch of Canara Bank**, will be sold on the basis of "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 20.06.2024, (10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.) for recovery of **Rs. 19,56,609.44** (Rupees Nineteen Crore Ninety Five Lakh Sixty One Thousand Six Hundred and Nine and Paise Fourty Four only) as on 03.12.2023 and interest & other charges there on from 04.12.2023 due to Bengaluru Peenya II Stage Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from 1. **M/s. SLN CNC Tech Pvt. Ltd.** No. 8, 9th Cross, Rajagopalnagar Main Road, Ganapathi Nagar, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560058. 2. **Mr. M.L.B. Gowda**, No. 11, 2nd 'C' Cross, AGBG 2nd Stage, Mahalakshimpuram, Karnataka - 560 086. 3. **Mr. M.V. Ashoka**, S/o. Sri M.B. Virupaksharadhya, at 2, 6th Cross, Nagadevanahalli, Jnanharathi Post, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 056. 4. **Mrs. M.V. Suma**, At Panchanahalli, Kadur, Karnataka - 577182. 5. **Mr. Shiva Prasada J.M.**, No. 63, 4th Block, 4th Cross, RMV 2nd Stage, Dollars Colony, M.L.A. Layout, Bangalore - 560 094. 6. **Mrs. Umadevamma**, W/o. B.R. Shivanna, No. 42, 9th Main Road, 4th Cross, Near Central Library, Hampinagara, Karnataka - 560 040. The Reserve price, Earnest Money Deposits, Auction date, last date of submission of Bid details are as under. The intending bidders shall deposit Earnest Money deposit (EMD) by way of DD favouring Authorised Officer Canara Bank Peenya II Stage Branch, Bangalore or through online (RTGS/NEFT/ Fund Transfer-IFSC Code CNRB0002454) to the credit of the account number 209272434, Canara Bank, Peenya II Stage Branch, on or before 19.06.2024 by 5.00 pm. Date & Time of the E-Auction 20.06.2024 from 10.30 A.M. to 12.00 P.M.

E-Auction Date : 20.06.2024

Description of the immovable Asset	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Bid Incremental Value
All that piece and parcel of the Industrial land & building property bearing Nos. 15, 16, 23 and 24, formed in Survey No. 141/1, Old Katha No. 1358 and 1359, respectively situated at Laggere Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk - 560058. Now comes under the BBMP limits, converted into Non-agricultural Industrial purpose by the Tahasildar, Bangalore North Taluk and issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore vide order bearing No. ALN-SR:26/75-76 and ALN:SR:40-75-76 dated 17-11-1976, measuring East to West 9 feet and North to South 6 feet, in all measuring 5,400 Square Feet, along with 35 square A.C. Sheet roofed and Red Oxide Flooring, Industrial Shed In the name of Mr. M.V. Ashoka & Mrs. M.V. Suma and bounded on the : East by : Road, West by : Road, North by : Site Nos. 17 and 22, South by : Site Nos. 14 and 25.	Rs. 353.00 Lakhs	Rs. 35.30 Lakhs	Rs. 1.00 Lakhs
All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing Site Nos. 1 and 2, Serial Nos. 82 and 83, New Kengeri T.M.C. Khatha No. 2888, formed in Survey No. 117, (converted vide official memorandum dated 06.04.1989 bearing No. B.DIS.ALN.SR (S) 61/1988-89, situated at Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk - 560 058, now the property comes under the limits of Kengeri Town Municipal Council and measuring East to West 70 feet and North to South 35 feet, Totally measuring 2,450 Square Feet, along with the building constructed thereon In the name of Mr. M.V. Ashoka and bounded on the : East by : Private Property, West by : Property bearing No. 3, North by : Private Property, South by : Road.	Rs. 225.00 Lakhs	Rs. 22.50 Lakhs	Rs. 1.00 Lakhs
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Survey No. 231, Site No. 10, situated at Kempapura Agrahara Dhakale, Hosahalli Village, Corporation Old Division, No. 21, Later Municipal No. 12, Old No. 10, PID No. 24-23-12, the area called as 4th 'A' Cross, Hosahalli, Vijayanagar Ward No. 34-RPC Layout, Bengaluru-560004, Measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 50 feet, totally measuring 1,500 Square Feet, along with the building standing thereon In the name of Mrs. Umadevamma and bounded on the : East by : Property No. 11 of Sri Njanadaswamy, West by : Property No. 9 of Sri Gundappa, North by : 30 feet Road, South by : Property of Smt. Lalithamma.	Rs. 200.00 Lakhs	Rs. 20.00 Lakhs	Rs. 1.00 Lakhs
All that piece and parcel of the House Property Site No. 63, New Municipal No. 63, BBMP PID No. 100-760-63, situated at Rajmahal Vilas, 2nd Stage, 4th Block Extension, 4th Cross, Dollars Colony, M.L.A. Layout, Bengaluru - 56 094 in the Layout formed by Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore, Ward No. 18, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 80 feet in all measuring 444.44 Square Yards or 4,000 Square Feet, together with residential building constructed thereon in the name of Mr. J.M. Shivaprasad and bounded on the : East by : Site No. 62, West by : Site No. 64, North by : Site No. 59, South by : Road.	Rs. 126.30 Lakhs	Rs. 12.63 Lakhs	Rs. 1.00 Lakhs

known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank. **Note:** All charges including property tax, Electricity charges, Waster Bills and Maintenance charges etc., and any other charges shall be borne by the successful bidder only.

For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Assistant General Manager, **Peenya II Branch, Canara Bank, Contact No. 9535733732/968049737/8249052239**, E-mail : cb2454@canarabank.com or may contact the service provider **M/s. Antares Systems Ltd., Bangalore (Contact No. : 8951944383/080-40482000)** E-mail : sushmitha.b@antaresystems.com

Date: 13.05.2024 Sd/- Authorized Officer
Place: Bangalore Canara Bank



DAY'S DIARY

Japan's PM shot

On this day in 1932, the Imperial Japanese Navy organised a coup d'état. The attack left their Prime Minister Inukai Tsuyoshi dead

PLANS EXECUTED

A group of naval officers, army cadets and radicalised civilians stormed Tsuyoshi's residence and shot him. The original plan included the assassination of Charlie Chaplin



ARREST AND RELEASE

Eleven naval officers were charged with the murder and were released after a couple of years. The trial was used to reaffirm loyalty to Emperor Hirohito



OFFICERS IN ACTION

The coup was brought by the London Naval Treaty, limiting the size of the Navy. Outrage over junior naval officers planned to overthrow the government

CE's guide to happenings in the city

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GOOD NEWS!

Released the same week as Sanjay Leela Bhansali's *Heeramandi*, *The Broken News* 2 has been creating waves; actor Sanjeeta Bhattacharya speaks about the show

MONIKA MONALISA

IN season 1 of the newsroom drama *The Broken News*, Sanjeeta Bhattacharya plays wide-eyed trainee journalist Juhi Shergill. In season 2, she is still the same but has learnt some of the tricks of the trade. The show stars stalwarts like Shriya Pilgaonkar, Sonali Bendre, and Jaideep Ahlawat in the lead roles.

Of all the actors, it was Pilgaonkar with whom she bonded the most. "Shriya and I had hit it off right off the bat. We bonded the first week of meeting each other and then shooting *Broken News* again was like a party every day. It's great to have people on set who are genuine friends. Then work is fun," says Bhattacharya. Not just Pilgaonkar,

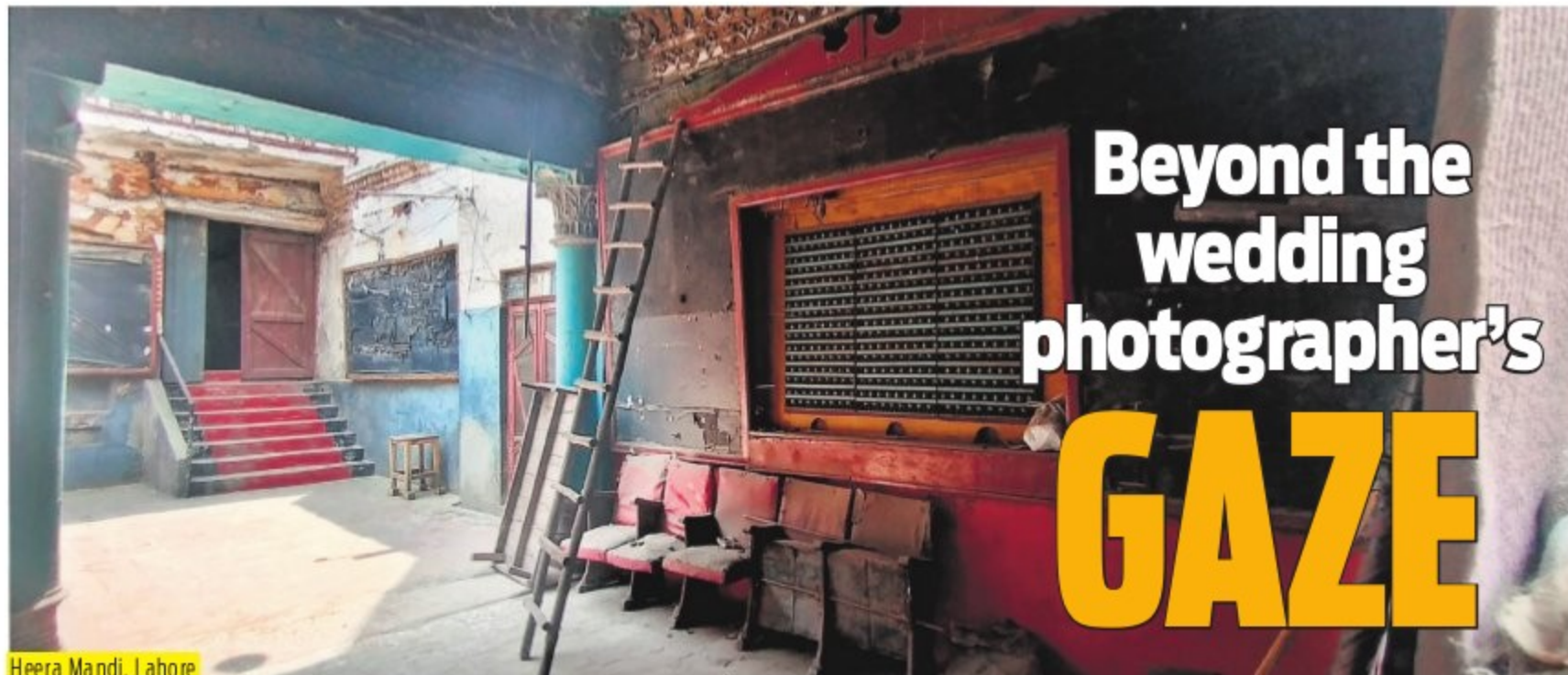
Bhattacharya shared a good bond with Ahlawat, even though they didn't have much screen time together. Most of the preparation for her role was observational and the learning was from the 'peers on the set'.

The show was released the same week as Sanjay Leela Bhansali's *Heeramandi* but has managed to get the attention of the audience and has been getting good reviews. "The show is getting its due for which I am grateful," says Bhattacharya.

The audience as well as critics have been talking about its straightforward performance. But for Bhattacharya, it's the sincerity of the show – being closest to reality – that makes it relatable to the viewer. "Finally, we have a show which shows the reality and dangers that journalists put themselves in. It's not just external but also internal dilemmas that they go through. Their moral compass needs to be so strong, it's not always easy. Even though it's about journalism and journalists, I see others are able to put themselves in their shoes," she says.

Her favourite thing about the show is its depiction of characters in grey light. "The characters are not black or white, they are shades of grey. You can see the dark side of the character Radha and the good of Dipankar who is supposed to be the good guy," says Bhattacharya.

Bhattacharya, whose last big screen release was *Jawan*, has missed experimenting with music. "I am working on a bunch of projects which I'm super excited about. And I'm releasing a new single at the end of this month or the beginning of next month. It's the first time I'm exploring Afro beats," says Bhattacharya.



Heera Mandi, Lahore

Beyond the wedding photographer's GAZE

A footwear hub and an area favoured for fashion shoots, Heera Mandi is a far cry from Bollywood's fantasies about it. But it was never a place where women spoke Lucknavi Urdu or the tawaifs were only Muslims, whose main focus was seduction. A Lahorewallah lists his pet peeves about Sanjay Leela Bhansali's *Heeramandi*

ADEEL AFZAL

ONE of the most widely circulated stories from my childhood revolved around astronaut Neil Armstrong allegedly converting to Islam after hearing the azaan upon landing on the moon. It was said that his conversion led to his exclusion from mainstream media and subsequent space missions. For many Muslims, it was a moment of great pride – the God we worshipped seemingly affirmed by a White man on the moon. Had people not believed this story, they might have questioned the Americans about their lunar journey: their methods, equipment, technology, and findings.

However, such questions never arose because people were already hypnotised by the tale of the azaan. As time passed, our society exhibited diminished interest in the cosmos. Instead, claims emerged of holy names being sighted on the moon. When I watched Sanjay Leela Bhansali's *Heeramandi*, I was reminded of this childhood rumour: His take on Heera Mandi is akin to someone who only knows the story of Armstrong hearing the azaan, making a biopic on his life.

Exhibition tour

This series had the potential to shed light on the lives, culture, socio-economic status, and challenges faced by the inhabitants of Heera Mandi. It could have addressed misconceptions, societal treatment, and struggles, offering insight into their rise and fall. However, it regrettably reinforces Bollywood stereotypes, failing to foster empathy for any character. Instead, it resembles a tour of a stereotypical exhibition, showcasing grand structures and extravagant costumes at every turn.

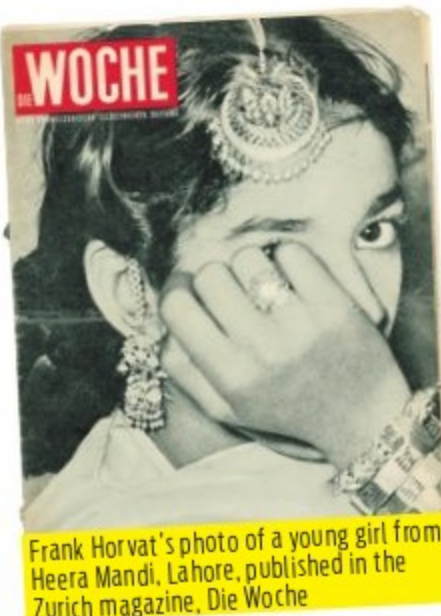
The most unnecessary part of the series was the disclaimer stating, 'any resemblance will be coincidental'. No need to worry: There is no resemblance whatsoever. The series is rife with aesthetic and historical in-



accuracies, making it disconnected from any specific era or region. The architecture, language, costumes, and Nawabi culture portrayed, with its adaab and janab, have no historical ties to Lahore. Punjab historically embraced diversity, with Sikhs, Muslims, and Hindus coexisting in various spheres of life. However, *Heeramandi* consistently depicts tawaifs as Muslim women, speaking in Lucknavi Urdu, regardless of their backgrounds. Lower-income individuals are also shown speaking Punjabi and laughing at their own jokes. This perpetuates the colonial mindset – the British would degrade the language and show that it is only spoken by servants; Punjabi culture and their heroes were especially debased for Muslim Punjabis so that they move towards English and Urdu – that Bollywood elites should have outgrown long ago.

Lusty, greedy stereotypes

In historical context, there were designated spaces for artists, both residential and performance-based. Those interested in music, poetry, and the arts would visit these spaces to engage with relevant individuals, much like modern-day art spaces and theatres. Figures such as Ustad Daman and Alama Iqbal resided in such areas. However, instead of portray-



Frank Horvat's photo of a young girl from Heera Mandi, Lahore, published in the Zurich magazine, Die Woche

ing the intellectual richness of these communities, the series reduces them to lustful and greedy stereotypes.

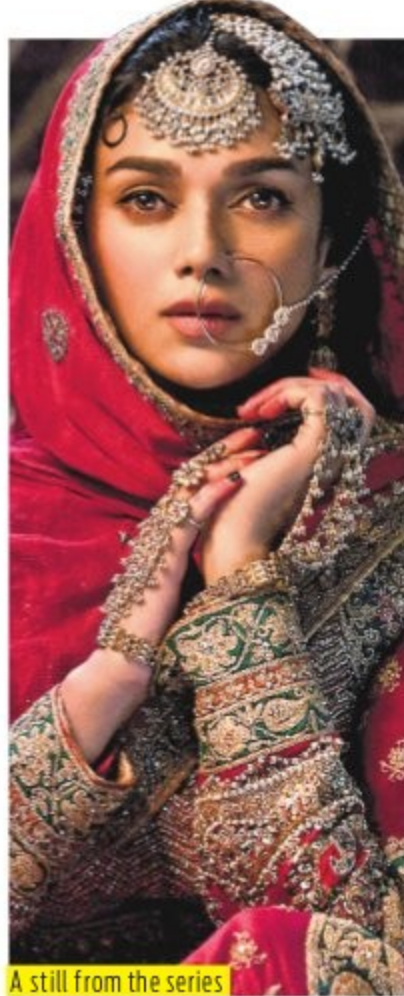
This phenomenon is, however, not new or restricted to India. In 2000, *Parliament Se Bazaar-e-Husn* written by Zaheer Ahmed Babar, a Pakistani, was a sensation during Musharraf's martial law era, offering alleged sex stories of Pakistan's ruling elite. Instead of engaging with democratic and economic failures, people believed that if the elites abandoned their secret desires, the country would prosper. This oversimplification of history attributes the East India Company's rule solely to the sexual frustrations of the elite, disregarding broader historical

dynamics. *Heeramandi*'s portrayal is another example of this trend. It seems that Bhansali's portrayal of Heera Mandi focuses solely on one emotion: seduction.

Heera Mandi's other images

Heera Mandi's ruins are a testament to Lahore's history and the broader cultural fabric of Pakistan. The Mandi, has long been celebrated for its delectable cuisine, epitomised by Phajja's iconic shop adorned with photographs of celebrities and politicians who savoured Lahore's traditional breakfast here. However, alongside this culinary tradition, a modern food street has emerged, drawing visitors with its proximity to the Lahore Fort and the Shahi Mosque. Tourists these days flock to Heera Mandi for traditional Khussa footwear; aficionados seek musical instruments. The area also beckons art students, who wander its streets, capturing its architectural splendour. It serves as a sought-after location for fashion shoots and film productions.

Nevertheless, despite its undeniable charm and historical significance, Heera Mandi lags behind the rest of Lahore in terms of development. Its streets remain narrow, cluttered with refuse and choked by traffic. Yet, amid the dust and chaos, glimpses of exquisite architecture and intricate woodwork



A still from the series

adorn the aging homes.

During our teenage years, stories about Heera Mandi were full of curiosity, depicting women hanging out of windows, jeering at passersby, and pimps whispering prices on the streets. That was the prominent image I had of the Mandi. However, a few years later when I was a university student, I had the opportunity to view Iqbal Hussain's paintings at an exhibition. Hussain, who hailed from Heera Mandi, captured the everyday life of the area with rough strokes, an unconventional colour palette, and expressive portrayals of out-of-shape bodies. His work was imbued with social commentary, and as I observed, the childish stories I had heard faded away. Although I did not personally know the women depicted, I felt a profound connection to their stories.

Two images, in particular, remain vivid in my mind: one depicting a young girl lying on a bed with arms outstretched, holding coins in her hands, and the other showing the death of a woman, with children standing beside her, saluting. These images offered a glimpse into the reality of life in Heera Mandi, unlike the sensationalised perspectives often portrayed. I wish the writers and directors had delved into authentic literature and art to present the story from the tawaif's perspective, rather than a 'tamash been'. While I do agree Bhansali is an undisputed God for wedding photographers, fashion designers and event planners, it is important to recognise that true understanding of relationships and communities cannot be gleaned solely from surface-level portrayals. We cannot understand the depth of a relationship between a wife and husband by merely looking at wedding albums.

(Adeel Afzal is co-writer of the recently aired Pakistani TV serial, *Standup Girl*, and an actor. He has acted in the drama serial, *Parizad*, and a film, *Zindagi Tamasha*)



Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to bengaluru@cityexpress@gmail.com with the subject line 'Know Your City Quiz'. Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in CE

1 Circles in Bengaluru are connected with the city's history too and have interesting stories to tell. Mysore Bank Circle was the hub for many revolts and protests during India's freedom struggle. A 10-foot-tall stone plaque was erected in 1972 in memory of six people (four of them were students of Central College) who died in a police firing in 1942. Historically, the location is where once stood one of the important gates of the old Bengaluru fort which Kempegowda built. Name the fort gate.

2 Ananda Rao Circle is named after T Ananda Rao who was the Dewan of Mysore from 1909 to 1912. Two major projects in Bengaluru undertaken during his tenure were building Minto Ophthalmic Hospital, an eye hospital on the modern lines and a water filtering plant known as Combined Jewel Filters in Malleswaram to supply drinking water to the city. Which central area in Bengaluru is Ananda Rao Circle located: Gandhinagar or Shivajinagar?

3 A 30-foot-tall stone memorial erected within a small circle garden at a busy junction in the city was installed in memory of the Mysore Lancers of Imperial Service troops (Personal army of Maharaja of Mysore) who lost their lives during World War I. Where in the city is this historic circle and the monument is located, JC Nagar or Jayanagar?

CITY READ

University celebrates National Technology Day

MS Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences celebrated National Technology Day on May 11 at Ramaiah Technology Campus, Peenya, where 800 students exhibited their final year projects. A total of 233 projects were on display, which were assessed by a jury. The chief guest of the event was Sunil Deshpande, delivery centre head of TCS Bangalore, who spoke on global advancements in AI, drones and electric vehicles. University Chancellor Prof Kuldeep Kumar Raina also highlighted the importance of innovation and research. Principals of premier PU colleges were felicitated at the event.



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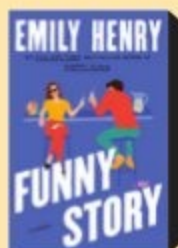


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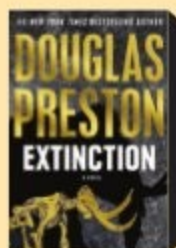


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Funny Story
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April and Marcus, two strangers, find themselves sharing a cabin in the mountains. As they navigate their differences and the ups and downs of life, they find solace and unexpected connections through humour and shared experiences.



Extinction
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A thrilling adventure about a team of scientists who venture into the Amazon rainforest to uncover a hidden world and confront ancient mysteries, only to encounter a threat that could lead to the extinction of humanity.



The Demon of Unrest
by Erik Larson
A historical thriller that talks about 19th century America, where tensions brew as the nation grapples with rapid industrialisation and social upheaval. It also highlights the pivotal five months between the election of Abraham Lincoln and the start of the Civil War.



Maha Kavithai
by Vairamuthu
This collection of poems references the five elements (soil, wind, fire, sky, and water) and uses them as poetic devices. It delves deep into the human experience, exploring themes of love, longing, spirituality, and more.



ART IN THE CITY

Bengalureans take a moment to admire a street art in Malleswaram by clicking a photo in front of it | **ALLEN EGENUSE J**

QUICKFIX

GREEN GRAPE MOJITO

INGREDIENTS

- **7Up:** 1/4 cup
- **Lemon:** half
- **Mint Leaves**
- **Ice**
- **Water:** 1 cup
- **Green grapes:** 50 g
- **Sugar**

METHOD

- Slightly blend the green grapes.
- Squeeze the lemon.
- Add 7Up, ice cubes, and water.
- Add sugar if needed, and mix it well.
- Garnish it with mint leaves and serve.



Contributed by **Joyce Latha, Uduimalpet**

WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Find the Clues

Detective, suspect, or victim? Put on your thinking cap and solve a crime in this immersive murder mystery game where drama, suspense, and fun await you.

- **WHEN:** May 17, 8pm
- **WHERE:** The Coffee Brewery, Koramangala
- **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



Laughter Riot

Step into a laughter-filled ambience at this curated open mic event, showcasing the city's growing standup talent and promising a night of hilarity.

- **WHEN:** May 16, 9.30pm
- **WHERE:** The Underground Comedy Club, Koramangala
- **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



Shakespeare Reimagined

Ever thought about what clowns do when they're feeling down? The comedy-drama, *Nothing Like Lear*, by renowned writer-director Rajat Kapoor reimagines Shakespeare's *King Lear* through the lens of a fading star.

- **WHEN:** May 17, 7.30pm
- **WHERE:** Jagiti Theatre, Whitefield
- **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



Adventure Awaits

Graving an adrenaline rush? Head to this theme park filled with adventure rides, games, water parks and a man-made beach. ● **WHEN:** May 16, 11am ● **WHERE:** Jollywood Studios and Adventure, Bidadi ● **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Mandala Magic

Explore a guided workshop crafted for beginners and create your own beautiful dot mandala artwork on wood to take home.

- **WHEN:** May 16, 5pm
- **WHERE:** Art Beat, HSR Layout
- **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



For Movie Buffs

Join fellow cinephiles for a delightful evening of film discussion and chill! This gathering is the perfect setting to explore different film genres and dive deep into your favourite movies.

- **WHEN:** May 16, 7pm
- **WHERE:** Small World, Koramangala
- **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



Open-Air Cinema

Watch a picnic screening, celebrating 20 years of the iconic Saif Ali Khan-starrer *Hum Tum* under the stars with beanbags, delicious food, and some noughties Bollywood nostalgia.

- **WHEN:** May 17, 7pm ● **WHERE:** GBC - Garden City Beer Collective, Ganiganahalli ● **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

A Modern Touch

Settle in to watch Dhara - an evening of Kuchipudi, featuring original dance choreographies that evoke the spirit and cultural legacy of this traditional art form while infusing it with contemporary sensibilities.

- **WHEN:** May 17, 7pm
- **WHERE:** Medai - The Stage, Koramangala
- **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



JOSHY BENEDICT

The expert is an artist from Kerala who has worked on many national and international projects

How do I illustrate a graphic novel?

Illustrations usually act as a gateway to a story. Often, they are used as mere accompaniments. However, in the case of a graphic novel, the story, idea, or writing should serve as a gateway to the images. Here's how to get started:

Think beyond the story: Rather than drawing the scene or the story itself, a graphic novel should convey something beyond the story by way of illustrations. Be mindful of this when you draw. Also, take care not to draw a static image. This is, after all, a story in motion.

Draw frequently: Now, this goes without saying. Not only will this improve your craft, but in time, you will see your unique style revealing itself to you.

Learn and forget: Observe the intricate details of what is hailed as the best or new works. Learn from those. Experiment. However, when you sit down to draw, forget what you've seen. Also, leave the rules books aside. Let your feelings guide your hand.

Listen to your instincts: We should be the first beholders, observers, and critics of our creation. Improve your work until you feel that you've given it your best. Sure, you can't always be 100 percent satisfied, but strive for it.

Keep at it: Don't get busy with the technical details of getting a graphic novel out. The quality of printing and paper alone would not lift bad writing or sloppy illustrations. Bring finesse to your craft, and the rest will fall into place.

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SVANASANA WITH URDHVA MUKHA CHAIR
(UPWARD FACING DOG POSE WITH CHAIR)

This is a beginner-level yoga pose. In creative yoga sequences for backbends, the introduction of Urdhva Mukha Svanasana with a chair can benefit students with the focus on flexing the back to go in a deeper backbend. It is important to make sure the chair is firm and heavy enough to bear the weight of the body. Placing the chair against a wall for initial rounds of practice is advisable.

STEPS

- Place a chair in front of you, with the seat facing you.
- Stand about four to six feet away from the chair.
- Then, bend forward and hold the edge of the chair with your palms.
- Now, move back with your feet, making a 45-degree angle from the ground with your body.
- Adjusting the legs, try to stand on your toes and feel the stretch at the calves, hamstrings, and hips.
- Inhale and slowly raise your chest up, taking the torso in a backbend. Feel the stretch in your arms and shoulders as this happens.
- Exhale completely. Inhale, and make sure that the palms are kept firm on the chair while the toes are kept grounded.
- Look upwards and stay here for a few breaths.
- Ensure that the shoulders and the wrists are aligned and that the hips move as you tuck the belly in. Keep the chest stretched out while pulling the shoulders behind.
- While here, keep your feet hip-distance apart or as per your comfort.
- Inhale, release the stretch, and adjust the hips and legs to get comfortable.
- Relax, and repeat it once more while extending the practice for a longer duration.

LIMITATIONS

- If you have severe injury at the spine, neck, shoulders, hips, wrists, or elbows, avoid this.
- Teachers should ensure the chair is stable and is an appropriate one for practice.
- Students should be comfortable when using a chair, since the entire body weight is on the chair.



By **N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai**

ARTCORNER



FLUTTERING TALES OF IRON

Mary John, 86, from Kochi, transforms interiors with her handcrafted wrought iron and wood creations, along with running a store called the Iron Monger with her daughter

Raj B Shetty, who is excited about his Malayalam debut, reflects on his working experience and the industry itself as he prepares to distribute the original in Karnataka under his home banner on May 23

A SHARAD HAA

RAJ B Shetty, known for his distinctive style, is an actor-director who has charted his own path in Kannada cinema. From his unconventional approach in films like *Ondu Motteya Kathe*, *Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana*, and *Toby*, to his latest, *Swathi Muttintha Male Hanive*, he continues to carve out his niche. Now, Raj is ready to bring his unique flair to the Malayalam industry. With *Turbo* marking his Malayalam debut, he will be seen alongside Malayalam superstar Mammooty in the film. Apart from this, Raj B Shetty will be distributing the original film in Karnataka under his home banner, Lighter Buddha Films, hitting approximately 100 screens, including multiplexes, on May 23. Talking about distributing *Turbo* in Karnataka, Raj explains, "The language landscape has shifted recently. It's now more about distinguishing between good and not-so-good films. I believe this shift will resonate with audiences who enjoy good entertainers, which are generally well-received in Karnataka," he adds. "The partnership between the two industries is a positive step forward. It minimises unhealthy competition and works on collaboration. Otherwise, it's unlikely we would see a Kannada actor venturing into Malayalam cinema. It's a recognition of talent finding its rightful place, and that's why we should welcome these changes." Raj is a rare actor who can slip into any character effortlessly, proving that looks don't define talent; authenticity does. He believes that the goal of appearance is to immerse you in the character, making the audience focus on the role rather than physical attributes. In this action comedy film, *Turbo*, Raj portrays an antagonist and he reflects, "When I was pitched for the role and learned about the established names involved, I felt overwhelmed that I was entrusted with such a significant character, especially as a newcomer to that industry. The team brought a fresh perspective, particularly with my character Vetrivel. They saw potential in me after my performance in *Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana*. But the decision of considering me was made after they watched me in *Toby*, which was running in theaters, at the time,

'WORKING WITH MAMMOOTY IN TURBO WAS INTIMIDATING'



Mammooty and Raj B Shetty

they were finalising the cast, and they believed I could do justice to the character, which eventually turned out well. Thankfully, the director Vysakh and writer Midhun Manuel were skilled professionals, and I had faith in their vision and guidance. Is Raj slowly getting stereotyped into roles like in *Garuda Gamana* or *Toby*? Or is he simply catering to what the audience enjoys seeing him in? Raj disagrees, stating, "People appreciate me in certain characters because I've portrayed them genuinely. I believe they connect more with the character than with me personally. It's about the character and the storyline, not the actor. Initially, when I did my first film (*Ondu Motteya Kathe*), nobody expected me to do comedy, but gradually I diversified into various roles. I'm open to trying any role I haven't attempted before, without worrying about audience preferences. If I stick to one style, people might perceive me

as repetitive." *Turbo*, according to Raj, is all about entertainment. However, he says, "When you take on a negative character of such magnitude, it's not just about entertainment; the characters are exceptionally crafted. It is the type of content where mass appeal is prioritised, and will also come about as a mainstream commercial film." He then goes on to talk about his experience working with Mammooty. "It was intimidating at first," he admits with a chuckle. "My character speaks in Tamil, while I'm more or less fluent in Malayalam. On day one, I had to memorise the dialogue before shooting with him. It was uncomfortable acting in scenes

that were new to me, especially in front of an actor who excels in everything. But he was kind enough to assist me, understanding my situation and comforting me greatly. Despite not being so proficient in Malayalam, or Tamil, having to deliver the biggest monologue of the film on the first day, in a language I wasn't familiar with, was challenging. But I was prepared," he says.

Looking ahead, Raj, who admits that 'direction is always his first love,' is currently working on writing a script. He says, "Direction is my passion, and acting or working in any other departments is more of a pastime. When I write and direct, I feel a sense of fulfillment. As an actor, I view this opportunity as a learning curve for me as a filmmaker. When I stepped onto the sets of *Turbo*, I also came in as a student. I was impressed by the scale of production and realised I haven't achieved that level yet." In the process, did Raj get to learn about the secret behind Malayalam cinema's recent surge in popularity? He says,

"Malayalam films are not made on a shoestring budget. The audience watching the films often doesn't realise the effort that goes into making them. Most successful Malayalam films in recent months have had budgets exceeding 35 crores, except for a few like *Premalu*, which had a lower budget. We have misconceptions, but they invest in quality content, and the way they go about creating a big market that we can see on screen. It's about the grandeur and commitment to the concept, bringing it close to reality. *Turbo* is also a big film. Moreover, the production phase is remarkably fast, which is commendable about the Malayalam industry."

When asked if he would like to direct a Malayalam film, and if he finds any difference in sensibilities among the Malayalam and Kannada audiences, Raj says, "There is no division of the audience between the two languages," citing the example of *Manjummel Boys*, which alone collected 15 crores in Karnataka. "We shouldn't divide the audience. We should make authentic films. Stars like Mammooty and Shivarajkumar never settle for one style; they keep experimenting, which is why they remain stars. That's something we need to learn and implement in our films. *Garuda Gamana*,,, reached Kerala because of them. If I consider both industries' perspectives while directing, then I'm disrespecting the audience," he concludes.



I'm open to trying any role I haven't attempted before, without worrying about audience preferences. If I stick to one style, people might perceive me as repetitive —Raj B Shetty, actor



Vidhyarthi Vidyathiniyare surprises with a two-part trailer, unveils Side A



A still from the film

CE FEATURES

RAP singer and music composer Chandan Shetty's debut as an actor with *Vidhyarthi Vidyathiniyare* is gearing up for release, and an official announcement is set to be made soon. Meanwhile, the makers recently released the trailer, which is present in a vibrant setting in the backdrop of a college campus. Directed by Arun Amukta, the film is expected to be a teenage student drama.

Interestingly, the film's trailer will be released in two parts, as Side A and B, with the latter being released closer to the film's release. While the trailer gives a sneak peek into the teenagers' lives and a set of students, which looks entertaining, the makers have kept Chandan Shetty's role under wraps. According to the director, who spoke at the trailer launch, the singer-turned-actor will be seen in a different shade in the youthful entertainer.

The film, produced by Subramanya Kudde and AC Shivalingegowda under Variety Creations banner, consists mostly of new faces, including Amar, Bhavana, Manasi, Bhavya, and Vivaan, with seasoned actors like Raghu Ramanaikappa, and Sudhi, appearing in important roles. Vijeth Krishna has composed the music for the film, while Kumar Gowda and Arun Suresh has taken care of the cinematography.

James Franco, Tommy Lee team up for *The Razor's Edge*

ACTORS James Franco and Tommy Lee Jones are joining hands for an upcoming action thriller titled *The Razor's Edge*. Lee Jones and Franco previously worked together in the 2007 film, *In the Valley of Elah*. Directed by Demian Lichtenstein, *The Razor's Edge* will go on floors on June 25 in Georgia.

Producer Corey Large,

known for *Paradise City*, *It Follows*, and *The November Man*, will back this project. Written by Vance Duplechin, the film follows a hitman, who vows to leave his dreadful past behind, who once again resorts to violence when his daughter and lover get targeted by the syndicate while being pursued by an even more lethal assassin.



NAMRATA JOSHI

DESPITE a robust independent film scene, spearheaded by a bunch of talented young filmmakers, it has taken 30 years (since *Shaji N Karun's Swaham* in 1994) for an Indian film to find a place in the competition section of the Cannes Film Festival. This has been so when our films have played and competed consistently at other festivals worldwide. What took so long for Cannes to come around? What is it about Payal Kapadia's debut feature *All We Imagine As Light* that has helped break the dry spell? Does the fact that it is an Indian co-production with France (as well as The Netherlands and Luxembourg) bolster its chance beyond its own intrinsic artistic merit?

At the interaction with the international press, which sets the ball rolling for the festival the day before the formal opening, the General Delegate of Cannes, Thierry Fremaux, preferred not to throw much light on the Indian selection nor on the lack of it in previous years. "It's not we who choose the films. It's the films that get themselves selected," he says. A line that he went on to repeat when asked about the strong presence of China and Brazil this year as opposed to the lack of Israeli films.

While waxing eloquent about the "beautiful, wonderful" Indian films and expressing happiness to see Indian cinema back at the French Riviera, he also wondered why so much is made about being in the 22 films in the competition section and not the 65 others in the official selection. Indian films have been well represented in Un Certain Regard, Cannes Classics, Midnight Screenings and in the

Cinema above all

Directors' Fortnight and Critics Week sidebars, he says.

"Film festivals speak through films," says Fremaux, while dwelling on Cannes' support for Iranian filmmaker Mohammad Rasoulof's *The Seed and the Sacred Fig*, in the light of the difficult conditions under which it was made and the consequent "acrobatic feat" of having been able to programme it well in time. "It's about Iranian dictatorship creeping into the families," he says.

Minutes after the press interaction, Cannes was abuzz with the news of Rasoulof managing to flee his country to an undisclosed destination in Europe after having been sentenced to eight years in prison and flogging last week. It is unclear if he will be able to make it for what will be a historic Cannes premiere—and the festival's high point—towards the end of next week. When asked about how conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza impacted the programming, Fremaux says, "Films speak to us, reflect geopolitics and upheavals. That's what artists do."

He spoke affectionately about Francis Ford Coppola's return to the festival after 45 years with *Megalopolis*, comparing the comeback to the homecoming of John Huston and Alain Resnais to Cannes years ago.

He expressed a sense of pride in having Greta Gerwig as the head of the jury, appreciating her indie sensibility and Barbie, and having turned an es-

entially "indie arthouse film into a blockbuster". He reveals that he discussed the history of cinema with her the night before. "She said that she didn't want to be seen as a judge but being on a voyage together with the other jury members," he says.

On whether Ali Abbasi's competition film, *The Apprentice*, about Donald Trump's ascent to power, would impact the upcoming elections in the US, he brushed it aside as a "theoretical, utopian question" and says the film was picked up because it is "riveting", adding, "When we gave the *Palme d'Or* to Michael Moore's *Fahrenheit 9/11*, did it impact the re-election of George Bush? No."

When asked about rumours that new MeToo allegations against some of the participating filmmakers might come to rock Cannes, he dodged it by saying that "polemics" had nothing to do with the festival. Ruing the fact that the journalistic discourse on Cannes had turned polemical, while earlier the talk would be about cinema and cinema alone, he says, "We want to put cinema back in the spotlight. In Cannes politics should be on screen."

Incidentally, one of the highlights of the festival this year is a short film about the MeToo movement by actress Judith Godreche called *Moi Aussi*. Godreche had filed complaints against two directors, Jacques Doillon and Benoit Jacquot, for alleged rape. Subsequently, thousands of sexual abuse victims had contacted her, calling out the widespread sexual abuse inside the French film industry.



Straight from the heart of Cannes, our writer brings you updates from one of the most prestigious film festivals in the world

